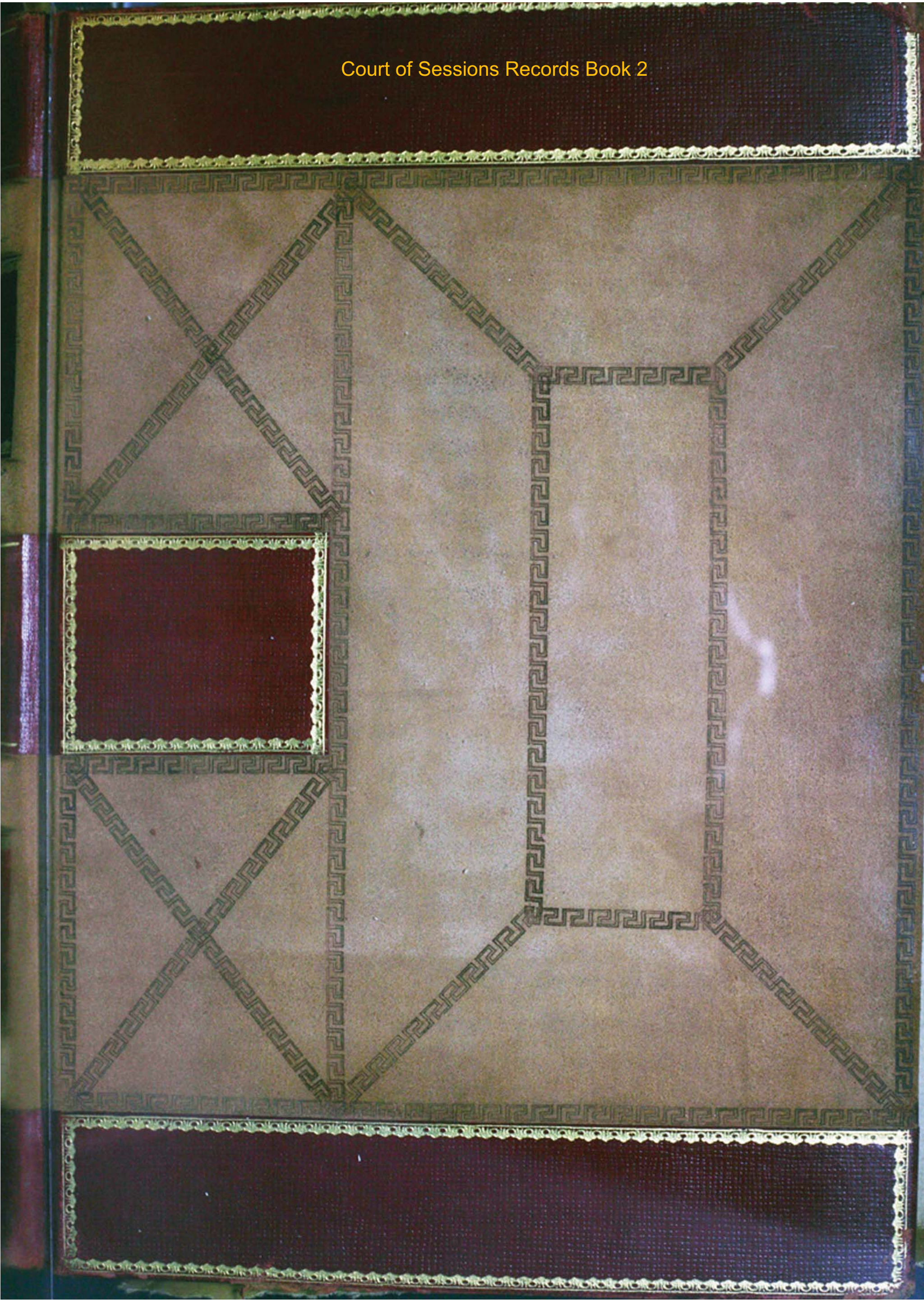


Court of Sessions Records Book 2





Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Hampden ss.  
At a legal meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield  
within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of September being the twenty  
eighth day of said month in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirty

Present Caleb Rice Esqr. Chairman  
Joel Norcross Esqr.  
Reuben Boies Jr. Esqr. } Com<sup>rs</sup>

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Hampden ss. Inhabit<sup>ts</sup> of Wilbraham Pet<sup>r</sup> for a Jury  
a Seal. } To the Sheriff of the County of Hampden or his Deputy. Greeting ham Pet<sup>r</sup> for a Jury  
To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, The Inhabit<sup>ts</sup> of Wilbraham to make alterations  
ants of the Town of Wilbraham by their Selectmen Agents of said Town appointed for in road laid by  
this purpose, would respectfully represent that for a long time past there has been a public of Com<sup>rs</sup>  
highway leading from the South Parish in Wilbraham to the Town of Monson across  
and over shrub hill that the County Commissioners on the eighteenth day of August now  
last past laid a new road diverging from said highway in the Town of Monson & thence run-  
ning into the town of Wilbraham to the house of Reuben Hendrick and from the house of  
S<sup>r</sup> Hendrick running westwardly, made divers alterations in the old road which report  
was as follows, viz, diverging from the old road on the Easterly part of Erel Days land in  
Monson then run S. 53 1/4 W. 26. r. then S. 59 W. 22. r. then South 64 W. 15 1/2 r. to Wilbraham  
line - the same course 4 1/2 r. then S. 7 1/2 W. 17. r. then S. 66 W. 18. r. then S. 51 1/4 W. 16. r. then  
then S. 68 W. 16. r. to Samuel Woods land, then S. 77 W. 20. r. then S. 74 1/4 W. 62. r. then  
S. 63 W. 22. r. then S. 60 3/4 W. 28. rods to Reuben Hendricks land then same course 6 r.  
then S. 52 1/4 W. 73 r. then S. 76 W. 58. r. to the highway a little northerly of Reuben Hen-  
dricks house then run on the old road S. 67 1/4 W. 13. r. then S. 46 W. 7. r. 9 links then S. 21 1/4  
W. 23 1/2 r. then S. 18 W. 23. r. then S. 2 1/2 W. 17 1/2 r. then S. 9 W. 13. r. then S. 11 1/2 W. 36. r.  
then S. 39 W. 54 1/2 r. then S. 21 1/4 W. 16. r. then S. 43 1/4 W. 19 1/2 r. then S. 9 1/4 W. 20. r. 20 l. then S. 32  
W. 18. r. 10 l. then S. 50 W. 39. r. then S. 67 W. 42. r. then S. 86 1/2 W. 10. r. then S. 66 W. 16. r. then S.  
45 W. 24. r. to a stake and stones by the Springfield and Stafford road standing 2 r. 17 l. N. 85 1/2  
W. from the guide post aforesaid; said road is laid three rods wide; that the said Commissioners  
on the twentieth day of August now last past also reported the following alterations in another  
road leading from the South Parish in Wilbraham to Monson aforesaid. viz. Beginning at a  
stake & stones on the County road a little north of Syril Perrins barn and run N. 80 W. 14. r.  
to a stake then N. 72 3/4 W. 24. r. to a stake. then S. 72 W. 8. r. to a stake & stones, then W. 45 1/2 r.  
to a stake & stones then N. 60 W. 16. r. to a stake and stones then N. 52 1/2 W. 13. r. to a stake & stones  
at the west side of the woods then N. 57 1/2 W. 56. r. to the highway, said road is laid three rods  
wide - both which reports were returned to the County Commissioners, at their meeting hol-  
den in & for said County on the fourth Tuesday of September now last past, were accepted  
and the location and alterations therein proposed were accepted and established - now  
the Inhabitants of said Town of Wilbraham say that they are greatly aggrieved by the do-  
ings of said Commissioners in the location of said new road, and in the alterations made  
in said highways, inasmuch as the same were not necessary for the public convenience  
and will subject the said Town to great and unnecessary burthens to make and keep  
said roads in repair, and if any alterations were necessary in either of said highways  
they are not made in such manner as best to promote the public convenience with the  
least damage to private property - Therefore your petitioners pray that a Jury may be orde-  
ed to view the road so laid as aforesaid, and the several alterations which were made in both



of said highways, and to make such alterations, in the location of any part of the same as reported by the said Commissioners or to discontinue any or every part of the same if they shall think the public good requires - For and in behalf of the Selectmen  
Decr 22<sup>nd</sup> 1829. Calvin Stebbins. their Chairman

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December A.D. 1829 and by consent continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners held by adjournment from the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of December, on the twenty sixth day of January A. D. 1830. Whereupon it was ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of the County of Hampden or his Deputy should summon a Jury in manner prescribed by law for the purposes mentioned in said petition, and the County Commissioners appointed Oliver B. Morris Esq. agent for the County of Hampden to appear before said Jury and defend against said petition - You are therefore required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereby forthwith, to summon a Jury for the purposes aforesaid by making application to the selectmen of four or more disinterested towns in said County who shall draw out of the Jury box of the Supreme Judicial Court of their respective towns so many Jurors as you shall require not exceeding three from any one town, and if by accident or challenge there should happen not to be a full Jury, you are to fill the pannel *detailibus Circumstantibus*, as in all other cases, which said Jury so summoned, are to be under oath for the faithful performance of said service and shall hear and finally determine the complaint of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilbraham aforesaid - and when said Jury shall have agreed on their verdict they shall make out the same under their hands and seals and return the same to the next Court of Common Pleas, to be holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Monday of August next. That said Court may then and there adjudicate upon the same - You are also required to give notice to all persons interested, also to Oliver B. Morris Esq. agent for said County of the time when the said Jury shall hear and determine said complaint - and you are to make return of your own travel and attendance and that of each Juror -

Witness Caleb Rice Esq. at Springfield this fourteenth day of April, in the year of our said One Thousand Eight hundred & Thirty. John Ingersoll Clerk.

Hampden ss. April 22. 1830. Then Rowland Burbank, Dan<sup>l</sup> G. White, Stephen Beal, Rodney Holt, Chauncy Shepard, Austin Chapin 2<sup>d</sup>, Walter Pease, Ezekiel Fuller & Elijah Fuller, Joseph Root, George Taylor, & Martin Cowles the Jurors drawn upon the above warrant, personally appearing, were sworn to the faithful performance of the service therein assigned them. Before me, R. A. Chapman. Justice of the Peace

Hampden ss. April 19<sup>th</sup> 1830. By virtue of the within warrant, I requested of the several Selectmen of the Towns of West Springfield, Westfield, Ludlow & Springfield to draw out of the Jury box of each of said Towns, and the Selectmen of West Springfield drew out Rowland Burbank, Daniel G. White, and Stephen Beal, and I notified & summoned each of them to appear at Wilbraham on the twenty second day of April current at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the Inn of Rodolphus Chaffee, and the Selectmen of Westfield drew Joseph Root, George Taylor & Martin Cowles and I notified them to appear at the above named time and place, and the Selectmen of Ludlow drew out Walter Pease - Ezekiel Fuller & Elijah Fuller, and I notified them to appear at the above named time & place - and the Selectmen of Springfield drew out Rodney Holt, Chauncy Shepard, and Austin Chapin 2<sup>d</sup>. and I notified them to appear at the above named time and place, and on the said 22<sup>d</sup> day of April they severally appeared and I caused them to be sworn to the faithful performance of the duties assigned them by the within warrant - They then chose Rowland Burbank Foreman, & afterwards

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proceeded to the duties assigned them, and on the 23<sup>d</sup>. day of April made signed and sealed their verdict which is herewith returned - I gave notice to all persons interested and to Oliver B. Morris Esq. of the time & place aforesaid of the Jury meeting -

Rodney Day. D. Shiff

Travel in 4th Springfield 40 miles

do " Springfield 24 "

do " Ludlow 50 "

do " Westfield 30 "

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Notifying 12. Jury at 25¢ each. — 3.00

Attendance 2. days — 3.00

Travel — 26 miles — 1.04

\$12.80.

Hampden ss. Wilbraham April 23<sup>d</sup>. 1830. We the subscribers being a Jury called out upon the petition of the Inhabitants of the town of Wilbraham to view the location of two roads laid out by the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden on the Eighteenth day of August last past to pass from said Wilbraham to the Town of Monson and whereas we the said Jury having viewed the said newly located roads, heard the allegations of the parties and examined the testimony of the witnesses, we do hereby agree and it is our unanimous opinion that the said newly made locations are injudicious, & therefore ought to be discontinued in every part.

Rowland Burbank. Foreman & Seal.

Joseph Root — & Seal.

Martin Cowles & Seal

Elijah Fuller — & Seal

George Taylor — & Seal

Chauncey Shepard & Seal

Rodney Holt — & Seal

Stephen Bodorthe & Seal

Austin Chapin & Seal

Walter Pease & Seal

Daniel G. White & Seal

Ezekiel Fuller Jr. & Seal

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Hampden ss. At the Court of Common Pleas, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Monday of August A. D. 1830. (The foregoing verdict was returned and after a full hearing of the parties, it was ordered by the Court that the said verdict be set aside) — upon the return of the verdict above, the agent of said County moved the Court that the verdict of the Jury in this case be set aside for the causes following (viz. 1<sup>st</sup>. That the said Jury have therein undertaken to discontinue the highways mentioned in the said petition as having been laid out by the County Commissioners, which they had no authority to do. 2<sup>d</sup>. That said Jury have undertaken in said verdict to revise and annul the adjudication of the County Com<sup>rs</sup> respecting the common convenience & necessity of laying out said highways. — and after a full hearing of the parties at s<sup>d</sup>. term of the Court of Common Pleas, it was ordered by the s<sup>d</sup>. Court, that the said verdict be set aside

Attest John Ingersoll. Clerk

To the County Com<sup>rs</sup> of the County of Hampden. I certify that the above is a true copy of the verdict in the case of the Pet<sup>r</sup> of the Inhabitants of Wilbraham for a Jury & the adjudication of the Court of Common Pleas thereon. Attest John Ingersoll. Clerk



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Eriel Day  
& others Petr.  
for a jury to  
Estimate damages  
of Roads

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Hampden Co.  
To The Sheriff of the County of Hampden or his Deputy. Greeting

A Seal To The County Commissioners for the County of Hampden. We the sub-  
scribers Inhabitants of the Town of Wilbraham & Monson in said County would  
respectfully represent that for a long time past there has been a public highway leading  
from the south Parish in Wilbraham to the Town of Monson across and over Shrub Hill  
that the County Commissioners for said County on the eighteenth day of August now last past  
laid a new road diverging from said highway in the Town of Monson and running to the house  
of Reuben Hendrick in Wilbraham and thence making divers alterations in the old road and  
running across the lands of your petitioners, which report so far as it touched the lands of your  
petitioners was as follows (viz) diverging from the old road on the Easterly part of Eriel Day's  
land then run S. 53 1/4 W. 26 r then S. 59 W. 22 r then S. 64 W. 15 1/2 r to Wilbraham line the  
same course 4 1/2 r then S. 72 W. 17 r then S. 66 W. 18 r then S. 51 1/4 W. 16 r then S. 68 W. 16 r  
to Reuben Hendrick's land then same course 6 r then S. 52 1/4 W. 72 r then S. 76 W. 58 r  
to the highway a little northerly of Reuben Hendrick's house then runs on the old road S. 67 1/4  
W. 13 r then S. 46 W. 7 r 9 links then S. 21 1/4 W. 23 1/2 rods then S. 2 1/2 W. 17 1/2 r then S. 9 W. 13 r  
then S. 11 1/2 W. 36 r then S. 39 W. 54 1/2 r then S. 21 1/4 W. 16 r then S. 43 1/4 W. 19 1/2 r then S. 93 1/4 W.  
20 r 20 L then S. 32 W. 13 r 10 L then S. 50 W. 39 r then S. 67 W. 42 r then S. 86 1/2 W. 10 r then  
S. 66 W. 16 r then S. 45 W. 24 r to a stake & stone by the Springfield and Stafford road 2 r 17 L  
North 85 1/2 W. from the guide post aforesaid said road is laid three rods wide which location was  
reported to the County Commissioners at their last meeting holden in and for said County on  
the fourth Tuesday of September last and was then & there by the said Commissioners accepted  
and established that the said Commissioners in and by their said report which was accepted  
as aforesaid allowed to your petitioner Eriel Day One hundred Dollars damages to your  
petitioner Reuben Hendrick sixty dollars to your petitioner Martha West the widow of John  
West Twelve dollars to your petitioner Bathsheba West the widow of Stephen West five dollars  
and to your petitioner Joseph Morris ten dollars - Now your petitioners severally say that  
they are greatly aggrieved both by the location of said road across their lands & in the estimate of  
damages - They therefore pray that a jury may be ordered to view said road and to make such  
alterations in the location thereof as they shall judge the public good require or to discontinue  
across their lands the same if they shall deem it necessary, and if the road is continued across  
their lands to give them severally such damages for the injury they have sustained as they  
shall judge reasonable; and as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Wilbraham. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 1829

I the subscribers join in the foregoing petition  
but not wishing for a change in the location  
of the road in case a new road must be laid

Joseph Morris

Martha P. West

Eriel Day

Bathsheba West

Reuben Hendricks.

This petition was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on  
the fourth Tuesday of December A.D. 1829 and was continued by consent to the meeting of said County  
Commissioners holden by adjournment from the said fourth Tuesday of December on the twenty  
sixth day of January A.D. 1830. Whereupon it was ordered by the County Commissioners that  
the Sheriff of the County of Hampden or his Deputy should summon a jury in manner prescri-  
bed by law for the purposes mentioned in said petition or Complaint - You are therefore required  
in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereby forthwith to summon a jury for the  
purposes aforesaid by making application to the selectmen of four or more disinterested towns  
in said County who shall draw out of the Jury box of the Supreme Judicial Court of their  
respective towns so many Jurors as you shall require not exceeding three from any one Town



and if any accident or challenge there should happen not to be a full Jury, you are to fill the panel *detalibus circumstantibus*, as in all other cases: which said Jury so summoned are to be under oath for the faithful performance of said service, and shall hear and finally determine the Complaint of the said petitioners above recited - and when said Jury shall have agreed on their verdict, they shall make out the same under their hands and seals & return the same to the next Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth monday of August next that said Court may then & there adjudicate upon the same - And it is agreed by the County Commissioners and the petitioners in this case that the same jury you shall summon in the case of the Petition of the Inhabitants of Wilbraham are to hear and determine the subject matter of this petition.

You are also required to give notice to all persons interested of the time and when the said Jury shall hear & determine said Complaint, and you are to make return of your own travel & attendance and that of each Juror - Witness Caleb Rice Esq at Springfield this fourteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord, One thousand Eight hundred and thirty.

John. Ingersoll Clerk.

This petition or complaint was continued for advisement from term to term to this term, and now in this term it is ordered by the Comm<sup>rs</sup> that said petition be dismissed; no verdict having been returned by the Jury within the time required by law.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Hampden Co. To the Sheriff of the County Walter Stebbins of Hampden or his Deputy Greeting.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden - We the subscribers Inhabitants of the towns of Monson & Wilbraham damages or discomfiture in said County would respectfully represent that for a long time past there has been a public Road, highway leading from the South parish in Wilbraham to the Town of Monson in said County called the long hill road, that the County Commissioners for said County on the twentieth day of August last reported the following alteration in said road, running across the lands of your petitioners (viz) Beginning at a stake and stones on the County road a little north of Cyril Perrin barn and run No. 80. W. 16. r. to a stake, then North 72 3/4 W. 24 r to a stake, then S. 72 W. 8 r. to a stake & stones, then West 45 1/2 r. to a stake and stones, then N. 60. W. 16. r. to a stake and stones, then N. 52 1/2 W. 13. r. to a stake & stones, at the west side of the woods, then N. 57 1/2 W. 56. r. to the highway - said road is laid three rods wide - which alteration was reported to the County Commissioners at their meeting holden in and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of September now last past, and was then and there by the said Commissioners accepted and established. - That the said Commissioners in and by their said report which was accepted as aforesaid allowed to your petitioner Cyril Perrin five dollars, to your petitioner Joshua Stanton Sixty dollars, to your petitioner Willard Chaffee five dollars, to your petitioner Walter Stebbins Fifty dollars. Now your petitioners severally say that they are greatly aggrieved both by the alteration in the road aforesaid across their lands, and in the estimate of Damages. They therefore pray that a Jury may be ordered to view said road, & to make such alterations in the doings of said Commissioners establishing said road as they shall judge the public good requires, or to discontinue said alteration so made by the Commissioners, if they shall deem it necessary - And if the road is continued across the lands of your petitioners, to assign to them severally such damages as shall afford them a reasonable compensation for the injury they have sustained.

Wilbraham. Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1829.

Cyriel Perrin

Willard Chaffee

Walter Stebbins

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# Hampden Co. April 22. 1830. By order of the within leave notice to all persons interested & no one appearing to claim damages, there was no proceedings had on the within petition. Rodney Day D. Off.



This petition was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth tuesday of December in the year of our Lord 1829. and was continued by consent to the meeting of said County Commissioners holden by adjournment on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1830. by adjournment from the said fourth Tuesday of December 1829. Whereupon it was ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of the County of Hampden or his Deputy should summon a Jury in manner prescribed by law for the purposes mentioned in said petition or Complaint - You are therefore required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereby forthwith to summon a Jury for the purposes aforesaid by making application to the Selectmen of four or more disinterested towns in said County who shall draw out of the Jury box of the Supreme Judicial Court of their respective Towns so many Jurors as you shall require not exceeding three from any one town, and if by accident or challenge there should happen not to be a full Jury you are to fill the panel *de talibus circumstantibus* as in all other cases - which said Jury so summoned are to be under oath for the faithful performance of said service and shall hear and finally determine the Complaint of the said petitioners above recited - And when said Jury shall have agreed on their verdict, they shall make out the same under their hands and seals and return the same to the next Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Monday of August next. That said Court may then & there adjudicate upon the same - And it is agreed by the County Commissioners and the petitioners in this case that the same Jury you summon in the case of the petition of the Inhabitants of Wilbraham are to hear & determine the subject matter of this petition - You are also required to give notice to all persons interested of the time when the said Jury shall hear and determine said Complaint - And you are to make return of your own travel & attendance and that of each Juror -

Witness Caleb Rice Esq. at Springfield this fifteenth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirty. John Ingersoll Clerk

Hampden ss. April 22. 1830. By virtue of the within I gave notice to all persons interested and no one appearing to claim damages - There was no proceedings had on the within petition - Rodney Day D. Shff

This petition or Complaint was continued for advisement from term to term to this term and now in this term it is ordered by s<sup>d</sup> County Com<sup>rs</sup> that s<sup>d</sup> petition &c be dismissed no verdict having been returned within the time required by Law.

Francis Hayes & others  
for a road &c.

To the Hon. County Commissioners of the County of Hampden. at their meeting to be holden at Springfield in said County on the fourth Tuesday of April A. D. 1830.

Humbly shew the undersigned petitioners that the present traveled road leading from the County road at or near the dwelling house of Capt. Luther Markham in Longmeadow across Coltons bridge (so called) to the dwelling house of John Adams in Wilbraham, North Parish, is very circuitous without any seeming necessity and that some part of said way is a trespass way. There being no public laying out of a highway to be found through a considerable portion of it - Therefore fully believing as your petitioners do that the public convenience requires a new road to be laid out from the County road at or near Luther Markhams as aforesaid in Longmeadow across a corner of the Town of Springfield to the dwelling house of said John Adams, in Wilbraham they feel themselves justified in petitioning your Honors to view the premises & then & then adopt such measures as may seem to you meet & proper. I as in duty bound will ever pray.

Signed Francis Hayes & others.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield, on the fourth tuesday of April 1830. On the petition aforesaid. Ordered that s<sup>d</sup> Commissioners will meet at the house of Seth Taylor in Longmeadow on the fifteenth day of



June next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and having after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Springfield, Longmeadow & Wilbraham each with an attested copy of said petition and this Order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in each of said Towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to Caleb Rice Esq. one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice Chairman

Hampden ss. June 15. 1830. The County Com<sup>rs</sup> of the County of Hampden having given all persons & corporations notice according to the foregoing order, and caused a copy of said petition and order thereon, to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Journal & Advertiser, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. proceeded on said 15<sup>th</sup> day of June to view the route for a new road, mentioned in said petition, and after viewing, heard all persons & corporations who appeared, and wished to be heard on the subject, and after duly considering the subject Report, that in the opinion of said Com<sup>rs</sup> common convenience and necessity require that a new highway should be laid out and established from near said Luther Markham in Longmeadow, to the house of Elijah Alden in Wilbraham, & thence to follow the old road partly to the house of said John Adams. all which is respectfully submitted. The aforesaid Report was accepted at the meeting of County Com<sup>rs</sup> held on the fourth Tuesday of June 1830, at which time said highway was adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity, and ordered to be laid out, and said petition &c. was continued to this term, and now in this term the Com<sup>rs</sup> make their Report which is as follows, viz. This petition &c. was continued to this term.

Caleb Rice

Joel Norcross

Reuben Boies Jr.

County Com<sup>rs</sup>

Hampden ss. Sept. 15. 1830. The County Com<sup>rs</sup> for the County of Hampden having given notice to all persons and corporations, according to the foregoing order of notice, and also caused an abstract, containing the substance of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication being fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said meeting. Joel Norcross & Reuben Boies Jun<sup>r</sup> two of said County Com<sup>rs</sup>, having met at the time and place appointed and Caleb Rice one of said County Com<sup>rs</sup> not appearing Robert Emery a Special County Com<sup>r</sup> was summoned to appear and act upon the petition within mentioned, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the absence of said Rice. Said Com<sup>rs</sup> then proceeded to lay out & establish a highway as follows. viz. Beginning at a stake and stones on the County road leading from Springfield to South Wilbraham near the house of Luther Markham and run N. 47 E. 21 rods to a stake near the burial ground then N. 30 E. 17 or 18 links to stake & stones then N. 55 E. 43 rods, 14 links to the west corner of Wallays Barn then N. 55 E. 72 rods to a crooked white oak, thence N. 60 E. 44 rods to a stake, in the Dingle, then N. 52 E. 100 rods to stake on Deacon Burt's land then N. 48 E. 100 rods to a pine tree marked then N. 23 E. 52 rods to stake & stones 1 rod from a white oak, then N. 33 E. 100 rods to a stake & stones on the Springfield road near said Aldens; then S. 77 E. 53 rods to stake & stones then S. 87 E. 16 rods to stake & stones, then N. 81 E. 28 + 19 links to stake & stones, then N. 71 E. 37 rods to stake & stones, then N. 81 E. 51 rods to stake & stones, then N. 75 E. 52 rods to an elm tree - then N. 76 E. 72 rods to stake & stones, then N. 80 E. 30 rods to stake & stones opposite Burial ground, then East 18 rods to stake & stones opposite bearse house, then N. 88 E. 42 rods to stake & stones on the west side of Wilbraham Street near said John Adams. - Said road is laid three rods wide and on the westerly & Northerly side of the line run. - Said Com<sup>rs</sup> after hearing all persons & corporations interested on the subject of damages, by reason of laying out said highway, agree them as follows.



vis. To Jonathan & Abel Pease six dollars, Luther Hebbins ten dollars, Pliny Merrick twelve dollars, Moses Burt thirty dollars, D. Bonds heirs nine dollars, Noah Alden eight dollars, Edward Ship six dollars, Henry Wright five dollars, Philist Merrick five dollars said road was laid across the land of Luther Markham Wallace & Francis Hayes who were all present, and informed said Com<sup>rs</sup> they should not claim any damages. There were no other persons injured in their land by laying out said highway. - Until the first day of April next is allowed to all persons having wood or timber standing or growing upon said highway to cut and carry away the same - Said Com<sup>rs</sup> hereby order and direct that the traveled path of said highway be made eighteen feet wide, with all necessary sluice ways, mounds, and bridges, and the whole finished in a workmanlike manner, and to the acceptance of the County Com<sup>rs</sup> on or before the first day of September next. all which is respectfully submitted -

Which Report is now accepted & ordered to be recorded.

Isaac Norcross. & seal } County  
Reuben Boies Jun<sup>r</sup> & seal } Com<sup>rs</sup>  
Robert Emery & seal. Special. 6<sup>th</sup> Com<sup>rs</sup>

Jepe King & others  
Pet<sup>r</sup> to establish  
a road &c.

To the County Com<sup>rs</sup> for the County of Hampden  
Gentlemen. The petition of the subscribers shew that Solomon, Hatch, Russell Lee and others preferred their petition to the Selectmen of the Town of Springfield requesting them to lay out a Town or private way from the School house of District No. 13 in said Town in a Northern direction, crossing Walnut Street & State Street & the old Bay Road to Factory Street upon which petition the Selectmen aforesaid proceeded to examine said proposed route and laid a road as follows vis. Beginning at a stone on the northerly side of the road leading from the upper water shop, over Thompsons Dingle and near the School house and running N. 2° 8' W. to a black oak stump nearly on the corner of the ditch at the south-west corner of a ten acre lot of John Ashleys. Thence the same course two hundred & twenty one rods from said stone to a pine staddle marked on the corner of a ditch. Thence the same course sixty seven rods to a walnut stake on the ditch at the Boston road. making in all two hundred eighty eight rods. Thence N. 23° 58' W. fifty seven rods and twenty two links to a pine marked on the ditch the north side of the old Bay road. Thence N. 28° W. thirty eight rods to the Factory road three rods wide and lies on the westerly side of the road. And the said Selectmen made report of their doings on said petition, and of their laying said way as aforesaid to the inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs duly warned and convened in public Town meeting, on the twelfth day of October last past for the purpose of acting upon the Report aforesaid - And the said Town then and there unreasonably refused to approve and allow of said road laid out as aforesaid, and ever since have unreasonably delayed and refused to approve and allow said way & put the same on record. Wherefore your petitioners being aggrieved by such delay and refusal pray the Com<sup>rs</sup> to accept and approve of the said way laid as aforesaid, or any part thereof and direct the same to be recorded in the Town Book; or take such other course as the law and justice may require and allow, and to lay & establish a highway between said points, or any part thereof - The petitioners request the Com<sup>rs</sup> to view the road laid as aforesaid -

Springfield May 8. 1830.

Signed. Jepe King & others

Hampden. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County, at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June 1830. On the petition aforesaid, Ordered that said Commissioners will meet at the house of Ebenezer Russell in Springfield on the fourteenth day of Sept. next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this Order thereon & thirty



days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to C. Rice Esq. One of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice Chairman

Hampden Co. Aug. 11. 1830. Pursuant to the within Order, I have notified the Town Clerk of Springfield by giving him an attested copy of the above petition & order, and on the same day I posted up notices in two public places in said Town, containing the substance of said petition.

Rodney Day D. Shff

Hampden Co. Sep. 14. 1830. The County Com<sup>rs</sup> of the County of Hampden having given notice to all persons & Corporations according to the foregoing notice order of notice and also caused a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication being fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said meeting, met all persons and Corporations known to be interested on said 14<sup>th</sup> day Sep. 1830, and proceeded to view and examine the road as laid out by the Selectmen of Springfield as mentioned in said petition & after viewing heard the parties and having duly considered the subject, Report, That in the opinion of said Com<sup>rs</sup> said road as laid out by said selectmen as follows, to wit: "Beginning at a stone on the northerly side of the road leading from the upper water shops over Thompsons Dingle and near the School house and running N 2° 8' W. to a black oak stump nearly on the corner of the ditch at the southwest corner of a ten acre lot of John Ashby; Thence the same course two hundred & twenty one rods from said stone to a pine staddle marked on the corner of a ditch; Thence the same course sixty seven rods to a walnut stake on the ditch at Boston road: making in all two hundred and eighty eight rods; Thence N 23° 50' W. fifty seven rods and twenty two links to a pine marked on the ditch the north side of the old Bay road. Thence N 28° 30' W. thirty eight rods to the Factory road; Three rods wide & lines on the westerly side of the road." ought to be accepted and approved, and said Com<sup>rs</sup> do hereby accept and approve said way or road as laid out by said selectmen, and direct the same to be recorded in the Town Book of the Town of Springfield, according to the law in such case made & provided.

Caleb Rice

Soel Norcross.

Reuben Boies Jr.

County Com<sup>rs</sup>

The foregoing Report being made to this town was accepted & ordered to be recorded.

The following persons were Licensed to be Innholders & Retailers within the County of Hampden for the year ensuing. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 1830.

	Innholders.	Retailers.	Licensed
Blandford	Justin Loomis. R. \$66.66. A. A. Chapman <sup>surety</sup>	Orin Sage. R. \$66.66. R. A. Chapman <sup>surety</sup>	
Brimfield	Ichabod Bliss. R. \$66.66. J. W. Bliss <sup>surety</sup>	John W. Bliss. R. \$66.66. Ich. Bliss <sup>surety</sup>	
"	Joseph D. Browning - " Ich. Bliss - "	Truman Charles R. Ich. Bliss - "	
Chester	Daniel Collins & R. \$66.66. Lewis Collins <sup>surety</sup>	Lewis Collins. R. \$66.66. Dan. Collins <sup>surety</sup>	
"	Sam <sup>l</sup> . Henry & R. - - Henry Stems - "	William Shepard - R. Henry Stems - "	
"	Isaac Whipple. R. - John Elder - "		
Granville	Henry Squires R. \$66.66. Amos Hamilton <sup>surety</sup>	Noah Cooley. R. \$66.66. Allen Bidwell <sup>surety</sup>	
	William B. Cooley R. - James Cooley - "	Elijah Seymour & Wm. B. Cooley Rec.	
	Charles Phelps R. - J. B. Cooley - "	J. B. Cooley <sup>surety</sup>	
	Soel & Lyman Root. R. \$66.66. same - "		
	Henry Squires - R. - A. Hamilton - "		



Licenses, cont.

Innholders.

Retailers

Ludlow — Theodore Sikes. R. \$66.66. Henry Stebbins Surety  
 " Ely Fuller. R. — Wm. Rice — " Theodore Sikes. R. \$66.66. Henry Stebbins Surety  
 " Calvin Eaton. R. — R. D. Morris — " Ely Fuller. R. — Wm. Rice — "

Monson Amos. Norcross. R. \$66.66. R. A. Chapman Surety James W. Hale. R. \$66.66. R. A. Chapman Surety  
 " Timothy Packard. R. — same — "  
 " Rufus Flynt. R. — same — "

Palmer — Abijah Hyde. R. \$66.66. J. Sedgwick. Surety. Amos. Hamilton. R. \$66.66. J. Frank Surety  
 " Franklin Morgan. R. — John Frank — " Emelius Bond. R. — J. Sedgwick — "  
 " John Sedgwick. R. — J. Frank — " John King Jr. R. — Edward Davis — "

Southwick. Clinton D. Cannon. R. \$66.66. Chas. Parks Surety.

Springfield Ebenezer Russell. R. \$66.66. S. O. Russell. Surety. Henry Stearns. R. \$66.66. J. Rogers Jr. — Surety  
 " Jahlal Smith. R. — John M. Chaffee — " Wells. Southworth. R. — Elisha Edwards — "  
 " Jonathan Bangs. R. — Wm. Rice — " Allen Bangs. R. \$66.66. Wash. Bangs — "  
 " Nathaniel B. Morley. R. — Jeremy Harrison — " Washington Bangs. R. — Allen Bangs — "  
 " Jeremy Harrison. R. — Nath. B. Morley — " Theodore Bliss — " Elisha Edwards — "  
 " Harvey Chapin. R. — Wm. Child — " Elisha Edwards — " Theodore Bliss — "  
 " Jason Stockbridge. R. — Asa B. Whitman — " Charles Upham — " Elisha Edwards — "  
 " Elihu & Henry Adams. R. — David M. Bryant — " Saml. D. Huntington — " Jos. W. Crooks — "  
 " Thaddeus C. Eaton. R. — Elijah Alden — " David M. Moore — " Geo. Ashmun — "  
 " Elisha Gunn — " Jos. Bangs — "  
 " Henry L. Bunker — " Geo. Cotton — "  
 " Lewis Briggs — " Geo. Cotton — "  
 " Charles Parks — " Philip Wilcox — "  
 " Henry Brewer — " Francis Brewer — "  
 " Daniel C. Brewer — " Henry Brewer — "  
 " Marvin B. Avery — " Wm. Rice — "  
 " Thomas Warner — " Wm. Rice — "  
 " James Tucker — " Humphrey Tucker — "  
 " Solomon Warren Jr. — " Jos. Warren — "  
 " Lester Phelps — " Willis Phelps — "  
 " Walter H. Bowdoin — " Francis M. Casew — "  
 " Henry Dwight — " Asa Flagg — "  
 " David M. Bryant & Geo. Bird. R. — Elisha Adams — "

Tolland Allen Bidwell. R. \$66.66. Noah Cooley Surety. Allen Bidwell. R. \$66.66. N. Cooley. Surety.

Wales Cornelius Miller. R. \$66.66. Daniel St. Green Surety. Elijah C. Babcock. R. \$66.66. R. A. Chapman Surety  
 Loring Wales. R. — R. A. Chapman — "

Westfield Isaac Hardin. R. \$66.66. E. B. Hamilton Surety. Sturges Upson. R. \$66.66. Oren Parks. Surety  
 Salmon W. Ellis. R. — Sturges Upson — " Isaac Hardin. R. \$66.66. E. B. Hamilton — "  
 Loring Lane — R. — same — " Edward Jepson. R. — Wm. Bellows — "  
 Tho. Loomis. R. — Eli B. Hamilton — " Wm. Bellows. R. — Augustus E. Pump — "  
 Chas. P. Clark. R. — Noah Clark Jr. — " Matthew Ives. R. — same — "  
 Norwell King Jr. R. — Sylvanus G. Morley — " Elijah Arnold & } R. Eli B. Hamilton — "  
 Noah Clark Jr. R. — Chas. P. Clark — " Jos. L. Stebbins }



	Innholders	Retailers	Licenses
West Springfield	James Bagg. Re. \$66.66. Benj. Leonard Surety Lucius Ely - R. Robt. Ely - " Martin King R. Benj. Leonard " Amos Allen R. Sol. Chapman - " Ogden Griswold R. Hosea Day - " Milton Chapin R. Oliver Baker - " Oliver Baker R. Jos. Bangs - "	Harvey, Root. R. \$66.66. Jas. Bagg. Surety. Pelatiah & Jud. Ely R. Homer Ely - " Asa B. Whitman R. Jason Rockbridge " Antemas Beebe R. Geo. Beebe. - " Cha. Ely & Luke Hitchcock R. H. Brewer - " Sewall White R. Luke Hitchcock " Ogden Griswold R. Hosea Day - " Elias Winchell R. Homer Ely - "	Continued.
Montgomery		Oren Parks. Re. \$66.66. W. L. Lippin. Surety.	
Russell.	Russell Hawley Re. \$66.66. John Elden Surety Thomas Bradley R. - David Blip.	Reuben Palmer. R. \$66.66. Isaac Palmer Surety	
Longmeadow	William White R. \$66.66. H. Brewer & Surety Seth Taylor. R. - H. Brewer - "	William White R. \$66.66. H. Brewer & Surety Seth Taylor R. Henry Brewer " Francis Burt. - Rodrick Burt "	
Wilbraham.	Thomas Glover R. \$66.66. John Goddard Surety Henry Asham R. William Clark - " John M. Chaffee. R. Jahlul Smith - " John M. Gray Jr. R. Henry Asham - "	Isaac B. Merick R. 66.66. J. Goddard Surety William Clark. R. Henry Asham " Pliny Leadwell R. Same - " Gordon B. Saxton R. R. A. Chapman " John M. Chaffee R. Jahlul Smith "	

Ordered by the Com<sup>rs</sup> That thirty days from the 29<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. Instant. be allowed to persons to appear and pay the duties on Licenses & recognise upon such as have been passed upon by the Com<sup>rs</sup>.

The following accounts against the County of Hampden were preferred to & allowed by the County Comm<sup>rs</sup> at this term, and Ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury. to wit.

Reuben A. Chapman Esq. for filing a motion to set aside a verdict in Case of Wilbraham Petition	\$ 8.00
Harvey Chapin (Sailor) dictating poor prisoners, key fees, copies of Writumms &c.	625.75
do do for expenses &c. for apprehending b. Loveridge	5.00
Abraham G. Tammatt, advertised Com <sup>rs</sup> notices &c.	15.00
Biothas Jones. work at Jail	1.50
Wm. H. Foster. serving notice on H. M. C. Pet. & Francis Heyes et al	4.72
Joseph Parker. for work at the Jail	53.95
Sam <sup>l</sup> . Bowles. for advertised notices &c. for C. P. Com <sup>rs</sup> a for bill	30.30
Rodney Day. serving of notice on Selectmen of Westfield Pet	1.32
Isa. Chapin for four Cord of wood	8.00
Callender & Kirkham. Binding books, paper, quills &c.	38.78
Cha. Scott. use of Cart to clean vault of Jail	1.00
Theodore Blip. man & Team one night to clean vault of Jail	3.00
	\$796.32



Accounts	To amount of accounts allowed. bet. from former page	796.32
Allowed.	Moses Howe. for Ironing Prisoners	4.00
Sept. 5. 1830.	Robert Emery. fees as Com <sup>rs</sup> on J. Heyn Pet <sup>n</sup>	4.60
	Apollos. Marsh for cleaning vault at Jail	12
	Amasa Parsons. Attend <sup>g</sup> Court. sweeping Court house. Ink & wax	8.75
	Simon Sanborn. boards plank &c. for bill	25.43
	Oliver Mosley. damages for road	26
	Lewis Fowler do do	32
	Alvin Fowler do do	21
	Charles Kings heirs " "	26
	Timothy Almstead " "	42
	Samuel Fowler " "	5
	James Fowler " "	5
	Widow Bush " "	5
	Isaac Noble " "	8
	Paul Noble " "	8
	Samuel Lee " "	55
	Daniel Lee " "	3.00
	William S. Bowe. Surveying Road at Williamstown	2.50
	John Ingersoll. for Cert <sup>s</sup> Accts. returns &c. for bill	\$1100.44
		\$1089.66

Hampden. Sept. 29. 1830. All matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued to the next meeting of the County Com<sup>rs</sup> and this meeting is adjourned without day

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Hampden ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden. holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December. being the twenty eighth day of said month in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty & from day to day to the 29<sup>th</sup> day of<sup>d</sup> month -

Present Caleb Rice Esq. Chairman

" Joel Norcross Esq.

" Reuben Boies Jr. Esq. } Com<sup>rs</sup>

Enos Foot & others To the County Com<sup>rs</sup> for the County of Hampden. The subscribers respectfully represent for a Road that the public necessity and convenience require that a new road should be opened from the southern termination of Bates turnpike so called in Westfield crossing the Little river near the powder mills and thence in nearly a straight line to the main road from Southwick to Westfield near the dwelling house of Oliver Utley in s<sup>o</sup> Southwick. They therefore pray that the Com<sup>rs</sup> would view the proposed route and if they see fit locate and establish the same as a public highway

Southwick June 22<sup>d</sup> 1829. Signed Enos Foot & others.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June 1829. On the petition aforesaid. Ordered. That said Commissioners will meet at the house of J. M. Parsons in Southwick on the tenth day of Sept. next at 9. O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein. And it is further ordered that the sheriff of said County or his deputy serve the Town clerk of Southwick & Westfield each with copy of said petition & this Order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in each of said Towns.



an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with your doings, to C. Rice Esq. One of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice. Chairman

Hamden Co. August 7<sup>th</sup> 1829. Pursuant to the within order, I have notified the Town Clerks of Southwick and Westfield, by giving each an attested copy of the within petition and order, and on the same day I posted up notices containing the substance of said petition in two public places in each of said Towns. Rodney Day D. Sheriff

Hamden Co. Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 1829. The County Com<sup>rs</sup> of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the within petition according to the foregoing order of notice, and also caused a copy of said petition and order thereon, to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper printed in said County the last publication fourteen days at least before the time appointed for s<sup>d</sup> meeting, proceeded on said tenth day of Sept. 1829. to view the route mentioned in the within petition and after viewing the same heard all persons and corporations known to be interested and duly considered the subject. Report. That in the opinion of said Com<sup>rs</sup> common convenience and necessity require that a new highway should be laid out & established from near the house of Oliver Utley in Southwick, passing near the powder mills, and terminating at some point on the Westfield plain near the southern termination of Bates Turnpike so called - all which is respectfully submitted.

Caleb Rice

Reuben Boies Jr. } County Com<sup>rs</sup>

Robert Emery.

} Special County Com<sup>rs</sup>  
in the room of Joel Norcross  
absent on account of sickness

At a meeting of the County Com<sup>rs</sup> holden for s<sup>d</sup> County on the fourth Tuesday of Sept last past the foregoing Report of Com<sup>rs</sup> was accepted, and said highway prayed for, adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity and ordered to be laid out, and this case was further continued to this term of s<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>rs</sup> meeting, and now the s<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>rs</sup> make their Report which is as follows, viz.

Hamden Co. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 1830. The County Com<sup>rs</sup> for the County of Hamden having given notice to all persons & corporations interested according to the foregoing order and also caused a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication being more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting, Joel Norcross & Reuben Boies Jun. two of said County Com<sup>rs</sup> having met at the time and place appointed, it appeared that Caleb Rice one of said County Com<sup>rs</sup> was absent. - said Com<sup>rs</sup> present then summoned Robert Emery a special County Com<sup>r</sup> to act in the place of said Rice. - Said Com<sup>rs</sup> then proceeded to lay out and establish a new highway as follows, Beginning at a Lombardy Poplar, One rod from the Northeast corner of Oliver Utley's house in Southwick and run N 19<sup>o</sup> W 25 r 5 l. to a Cherry Tree then N 20<sup>o</sup> W 93 r to a chestnut tree then N 22<sup>o</sup> W 62 r to stake & stones then N 17<sup>o</sup> W 62 r to a white oak tree then N 7<sup>o</sup> W 346 r to a chestnut tree on Enoch Browns land then N 12<sup>o</sup> W 132 r to stake & stones at the Southeast corner of King Parks door yard fence then N 13<sup>o</sup> 1/4 W 169 r to stake & stones then N 7<sup>o</sup> W 42 r to a white oak tree then N 17<sup>o</sup> E 10 r to Button Ball tree then N 40<sup>o</sup> E 15 r to button ball tree then N 38<sup>o</sup> E 4 r to intersect the road from Hoop pole - thus far the road is laid three rods wide and on the Easterly side of the line run



Then running upon the hoop pole road, as laid out to a stake and stones standing six rods N. 43. E. from the Centre of the north abutment of the bridge, then N. 34 1/2 W. 42. 8 to a white pine tree, then North 15. 1. to a stake and stones at the top of the ravine. Then far to be four rods wide, the line run being the centre - then N. 18 1/2 W. 12 1/4. 8 to stake and stones, at this place intersecting the old road from Westfield to Blandford. The last Course the road to be three rods wide, the line run being the centre, then running upon said old road, as laid out and established to the southern termination of Bates turn-pike so called in Westfield. Said Com<sup>rs</sup> after hearing all persons & representations who appeared and wished to be heard on the subject of damages, assessed damages as follows. To Tarsus N. Fowler thirty seven dollars, Decatur C. Fowler thirty eight dollars, Lewis D. Fowler twenty three dollars, Elizabeth Fowler seventy dollars, Phineas L. and John L. Kellogg twenty dollars, Widow Hough One dollar, Edmund Elys Fifty dollars, Rowland Taylor Forty dollars, Horace Holcomb twenty four dollars, Enoch Brown Forty six dollars, Roswell Brown sum<sup>8</sup> Eighty dollars, King Parkes Eighty dollars, Hiram Drake fifteen dollars, James Loomis One dollar, Jared Noble six dollars fifty cents, William Noble nine dollars, Eager Noble thirty dollars, Solomon Phelps seven dollars fifty cents, and Jeremiah Mosely four dollars - Oliver Uley, Thaddeus Foote, Joseph Forward and Enos Foote & others informed said Com<sup>rs</sup> they should not claim any damages by reason of laying said road across their lands, there were no other persons who claimed damages, or who were injured by said road running across their lands. Until the first day of April next is allowed to take off the wood & timber growing upon said road - The travelled path of said road is to be worked eighteen feet wide, exclusive of a good ditch on each side - The stones and roots to be all taken out in the travelled path, and then well turnpiked - and all necessary mounds & sluice ways and bridges for turning the water - Particular care should be taken in working this road, to haul the earth lengthwise the road when there are small ascents and descents before it is shaped, thereby making it more level than the natural surface of the ground. - The abutments of the bridge at Jacks brook to be raised ten feet from the bed of the brook, and the bridge not less than sixteen feet wide. The whole of said road and bridges to be completed by the first day of October next, to the acceptance of the County Com<sup>rs</sup>. said Com<sup>rs</sup> have estimated the whole expense of building said road in the Town of Westfield at the sum of Three hundred dollars, one half of which sum, when said road shall be complete and accepted as aforesaid is to be paid said Town from the County Treasury, by an order drawn in favour of said Town by the County Commissioners. Witness our hands & seals.

Isaac Norcross }  
 Reuben Borer Jr. } County Com<sup>rs</sup>. Seal  
 Robert Emery, Special County Com<sup>r</sup>. Seal

Which report is now accepted, & ordered to be recorded.

Selectionmen of Westfield  
 Pet<sup>r</sup> for discontinuance  
 of a road, &c.

To the County Com<sup>rs</sup> for the County of Hampden - We the subscribers Selectionmen of Westfield in the County of Hampden, would respectfully petition your honor<sup>ble</sup> board To discontinue the road recently laid out from Thomas Loomis across the east side of Sackets plain in said Westfield, or to alter the same - Also to lay a new road from said Loomis the south side of Little river across Hortons Bridge and thence to the Green between Archibius Morgans and Clarissa Athley houses, - Also to alter the road from Thomas Loomis to the new road on Granville line and as in duty bound will pay

June 22. 1830.

Signed - Asahel Burk  
 Lewis Fowler



Hampden ss. - At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June 1830 - On the petition aforesaid. Ordered That said Commissioners will meet at the house of S. W. Allis in Westfield on the twenty ninth day of July next at 9 O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein - And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Westfield, with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with your doings, to C. Rice Esq. one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice, Chairman

Hampden ss. June 26. 1830. Pursuant to the within order I have notified the Town Clerk of Westfield by giving him an attested copy of this petition and order and on the same day I posted up notices containing the substance of said petition in two public places in said Town of Westfield. Rodney Day, D. Shiff

Hampden ss. July 30. 1830. The County Com<sup>rs</sup> of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested according to the foregoing notice, & also caused a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper printed in Springfield in said County the last publication more than fourteen days before the time of meeting, proceeded on said 29<sup>th</sup> day of July to view the road recently laid out & the other route mentioned in said petition and after viewing heard all persons and corporations, who appeared and wished to be heard on the subject, and after duly considering the subject. Report That in the opinion of said Com<sup>rs</sup> the highway recently laid out ought not to be discontinued except so much as is rendered unnecessary by making an alteration near the powder mills. Said Com<sup>rs</sup> further report That common convenience and necessity require an alteration in the old road, commencing near the new road lately laid out to Granville & crossing the land of Eager Noble to a point near his barn yard, and then to widen & straiten the old road from that point to near the house of Joshua Loomis more particularly across the land of James Sackett - Also to so far change the location of the road crossing the river below the powder mills as to cross above, leaving the road already located upon the land of William Noble and crossing three or four rods above the dwelling house near said powder mills, and there to intersect the present road at the top of the hill northwaly of said mills. All which is respectfully submitted.

Caleb Rice

Joel Norcross

Reuben Boies Jr.

} County Com<sup>rs</sup>

At a meeting of the County Com<sup>rs</sup> holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of Sept. last past. The foregoing report of C. Com<sup>rs</sup> was accepted and said alterations, & new road mentioned therein, adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity and ordered to be so altered, and laid out.

And also at said meeting on made the following order of notice to wit. Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Com<sup>rs</sup> of said County at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of Sept. 1830. On the petition aforesaid Ordered That said Com<sup>rs</sup> meet at the house of S. W. Allis in Westfield on the ninth day of Nov next at nine O'clk in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate and establish certain alterations in the highway upon the petition aforesaid: and to hear all persons and corporations interested therein on the subject of damages - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thirty days



at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with your doings to C. Rice Esq. one of said Com<sup>rs</sup> at or before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice Chairman

Hampden ss. Oct. 5. 1830. Pursuant to the above order I have served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of the within petition and order by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode, and on the same day I posted up notices in two public places in said Westfield containing the substance of said petition.

Rodney Day D. Shff

And the aforesaid petition was continued to this term, and now the said Com<sup>rs</sup> make their Report in the words following

Hampden ss. Nov. 9. 1830. The County Com<sup>rs</sup> of the County of Hampden having given notice to all persons & corporations interested according to the foregoing order of notice, and also caused a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication being fourteen days at least before the time of meeting as aforesaid: and Two of said County Com<sup>rs</sup> viz. Joel Norcross & Reuben Boies Jun. having met at the time and place appointed - it appeared that Caleb Rice one of the County Com<sup>rs</sup> was absent; said Com<sup>rs</sup> present then summoned Robert Emery a special County Com<sup>r</sup> to appear and act upon the petition aforesaid in the room of said Rice. Said Com<sup>rs</sup> then proceeded to lay out and establish a highway as follows. viz. Beginning at a stake and stones on the north side of the road at the intersection of the Sweet & Granville roads and run N. 83 1/4 E. 13. r. to three oak trees. Then N. 74 1/2 E. 19. r. to stake and stones. Then N. 80 1/2 E. 26. r. to Butternut tree. Then S. 86 1/2 E. 58. r. to stake and stones. Then N. 83 3/4 E. 59. r. to stake opposite Evertson house. Then N. 79 E. 11. r. to stake and stones at the line of Eager Nobles land. Then N. 68 1/4 E. 30. r. to stake and stones, opposite the Coopers Shop. Then N. 43 3/4 E. 14. r. to stake and stones opposite Holcomb house. Then N. 59 1/2 E. 38. r. to a large rock with stones upon it. Then N. 82 1/2 E. 25. r. to white oak tree. Then East 31. r. to black oak tree. Then S. 74 E. 72. r. to the southwest corner of Joshua Loomis house. Then S. 87 1/2 E. 10. r. to stake & stones. Then S. 71 E. 23. r. to stake and stones. Then S. 65 1/4 E. 16. r. to stake and stones. Then S. 53 E. 8. r. to stake and stones. Then S. 46 E. 9. r. to the south end of Thomas Loomis barn. Then to intersect the road leading to the powder mill. Said road is laid three rods wide and south of the line run. - The travelled path of said road is to be worked sixteen feet wide exclusive of a good ditch on each side. The stones to be all dug out, and then well turnpiked, with all bridges and necessary mounds for turning the water and also sluiceways, and the work finished on the first day of November 1831. to the acceptance of the Com<sup>rs</sup> of said County. said Com<sup>rs</sup> then began at a stake in the centre of the road, as laid out from Thomas Loomis to the East side of Sacketts plain and run S. 48 E. 4. r. to Buttonball tree. Then S. 60 E. 3. r. to stake & stones. Then N. 42 1/2 E. 12. r. 4 1/2 feet to the centre of the north Abutment of the bridge above the Powder Mills. Then N. 43 E. 6. r. to stake and stones. Then N. 76 1/4 E. 11. r. to stake & stones. Then S. 55 1/4 E. 23. r. to stake and stones at the point of the hill. Then S. 72 1/2 E. 6. r. to its intersection with the other road as laid - said road is laid four rods wide and the line run being the centre. The travelled path is to be worked 18 feet wide exclusive of a good ditch on each side. The stone & trees & roots to be all taken out & then well turnpiked with all necessary mounds and sluiceways for turning the water. The hill northerly of the powder Mills to be well hauted down so as to make the ascent gradual. -



the Town having erected a frame for a bridge at this place it is unnecessary to describe the manner in which it is to be built except that it is to be done to the acceptance of the County Com<sup>rs</sup>. Said last mentioned piece of road and bridge is to be completed to the acceptance of the County Com<sup>rs</sup> on the first day of July next. Until the first of April next is allowed to the individuals owning land over which said roads are laid to take off the wood & timber growing thereon. After hearing all persons & corporations who appeared and wished to be heard said Com<sup>rs</sup> assessed damages as follows. viz. Eager Noble fifty dollars James Sackett ten dollars. Cephas Holcomb three dollars, Horace Nelson twelve dollars, Joshua Loomis five dollars Lucas Cowles three dollars Samuel Jones five dollars & Thomas Loomis eight dollars. James Noble was present and informed said Com<sup>rs</sup> he should not claim any damages. also Enos Goote and others owners of the Powder Mills. There were no other persons injured by reason of laying out said roads or who claimed damages. Said Com<sup>rs</sup> estimated the expense of building said road and bridge at five hundred dollars, one half of which sum when they are completed and accepted by the County Com<sup>rs</sup> is to be paid from the County Treasury by an order drawn by said Com<sup>rs</sup> in favour of the Town of Westfield. Said Com<sup>rs</sup> do further report that so much of the highway lately laid out from said Thomas Loomis to the East side of Sackett's plain as lies easterly of the last piece described in this report crossing thereon below the dam be and the same is hereby discontinued and all allowance made by said Com<sup>rs</sup> towards building the bridge below the dam is hereby annulled and revoked. - also the order to William & James Noble as the road has been discontinued. - Witness our hands & seals.

County Com<sup>rs</sup> { Joel Norcross & Seal  
Reuben Boies Jr. & Seal

Special County Com<sup>rs</sup> Robert Emery & Seal

Which Report is now accepted and Ordered to be recorded.

To the Gentlemen Commissioners for the County of Hampden at a session to be holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of June Anno Domini 1830. Humbly Shews James Loomis and John Shepard of Westfield of Road in said County, That on the petition of the selectmen of Westfield the said Com<sup>rs</sup> of highway for said County laid out a public highway leading from Thomas Loomis in said Westfield across the east end of Sackett's plain over the lands of your petitioners and the return thereof was accepted by your Hon<sup>ble</sup> board at the last term thereof and your petitioners are greatly injured by laying said road and the damages allowed to your petitioners are greatly inadequate to recompense them therefor they therefore pray that a Jury may be summoned to assess damages to them in the premises or a committee appointed therefor if the parties agree.

James Loomis

John Shepard

} by E. B. Hamilton atty.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Hampden Co.

To Joseph M. Forward, James Kent, and Sylvanus C. Mosley, all freeholders within said County. Greeting.

Whereas at the meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirty James Loomis & John Shepard of Westfield in said County preferred the foregoing petition; which petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of September in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & thirty & at the meeting of said County Commissioners holden as last aforesaid the petitioners ap-

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by Eli B. Hamilton Esq. their Attorney, and agreed with the County Commissioners upon Joseph M. Forward, James <sup>Hent</sup> and Sylvanus G. Morley, as a Committee to view the premises and estimate said damages. Therefore Ordered by the County Commissioners, that you Joseph M. Forward, James Hent and Sylvanus G. Morley, be a committee fully authorized and empowered to view the premises, and under oath faithfully and impartially to estimate the damages sustained by the said James Loomis and John Shepard and you are to give due and seasonable notice to the said James Loomis and John Shepard and also to Caleb Rice Esq. of West Springfield, who is appointed by the County Commissioners Agent for the County of Hampden, to appear before said Committee on behalf of said County of the time and place of your meeting to view the premises and attend said service. And you are to make return of your doings herein under your hands and seals to the next meeting of the County Commissioners to be holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty.

By Order of the County Comm<sup>rs</sup> John Ingersoll, Clerk  
And this Case was further continued to this term of the meeting of said Comm<sup>rs</sup> and now the afores<sup>d</sup> Committee make their return of their doings on the foregoing Order, to wit,

Hampden Co. Oct. 22<sup>d</sup> 1830. Personally appeared Joseph M. Forward, James Hent and Sylvanus G. Morley, and made Oath that in estimating damages upon the within warrant, they would act faithfully and impartially according to their best skill & judgment.

Before me, Caleb Rice, Justice of the Peace

Hampden Co. Oct. 22<sup>d</sup> 1830. The subscribers appointed by the within warrant having notified the said Loomis & Shepard & Caleb Rice agent of said County and met the parties at the house of said Loomis in Westfield, and proceeded to view the premises and after viewing the same and heard the parties and duly considering the subject, do assess damages as follows. viz. To James Loomis One hundred seventeen dollars, and eighty seven cents, and to John Shepard Sixty five dollars —

Jos. M. Forward

Ja<sup>s</sup>. Hent

Sylvanus G. Morley —

Which report or assessment of damages is now accepted & ordered to be recorded —  
By Com<sup>rs</sup> Rep<sup>ts</sup> on To the County Com<sup>rs</sup> of the County of Hampden. Respectfully represent the Pontotoc Turnpike Corporation that by an act of the General Court passed on the nineteenth day of February 1830, said Com<sup>rs</sup> were authorized to examine, accept and establish the road built by said Corporation from near the house of Samuel Henry Jr. in Chester to Pittsfield according to their act of incorporation, and also to locate the Gate or Gates on said Turnpike. They therefore pray said Com<sup>rs</sup> to meet at said Henry's on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. instant to perform the duties by law assigned them. — Oct. 8. 1830.

By Order of the Board of Directors, S. M. McKay, President  
The County Commissioners for the County of Hampden upon the petition hereto annexed having met at the house of Samuel Henry Jun<sup>r</sup> in Chester on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October A. D. 1830 proceeded to examine the Turnpike built by the Corporation afores<sup>d</sup> from said Henry's to Nichols' old sign post, supposed to be on the line between Pittsfield & Dalton, being the western termini of said Turnpike and after a careful examination of the same Report that said Pontotoc Turnpike be & the same is hereby accepted and established according to the following location & survey made by said Corporation — To wit, "Beginning at the junction of said Turnpike, with the



Perkins Turnpike, so called at a point  $S. 52\frac{3}{4}^{\circ} E. 6$  rods 19 Links from the southeast corner of said Henry's house and run  $N. 20^{\circ} 34' W. 2$  Chains 75 Links then  $N. 2\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E. 12$  ch. 61 Lks then  $N. 15^{\circ} 55' E. 16$  ch. 35 Lks then  $N. 13\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} W. 4$  ch. 80 Lks then  $N. 30^{\circ} W. 11$  ch. 75 Lks then  $N. 0^{\circ} 15' E. 7$  ch. 53 Lks then  $N. 20^{\circ} E. 8$  ch. 53 Lks then  $N. 14\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} E. 4$  ch. 25 Lks then  $N. 6^{\circ} E. 23$  ch. 55 Lks then  $N. 0^{\circ} 45' W. 10$  ch. 91 Lks then  $N. 16\frac{3}{4}^{\circ} E. 8$  ch. 60 Lks then  $N. 19\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} W. 12$  ch. 80 Lks then  $N. 39\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} W. 9$  ch. 35 Lks then  $N. 39\frac{3}{4}^{\circ} W. 10$  ch. 75 Lks then  $N. 62^{\circ} 25' W. 6$  ch. 72 Lks then 32 ch. 62 Lks making highwater mark on the western bank of Middlefield river the eastern boundary of the Turnpike to a point  $S. 81^{\circ} W. 62$  Lks from a white birch on the westerly bank of said river then  $N. 0^{\circ} 15' E. 6$  ch. 72 Lks then  $N. 7\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} W. 14$  ch. 52 Lks then  $N. 11^{\circ} 25' W. 10$  ch. 94 Lks then  $N. 53\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W. 2$  ch. 87 Lks then  $N. 75^{\circ} W. 6$  ch. 80 Lks. Crossing the river to a point 1 ch. 42 Lks  $N. 70\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} E.$  from a Willow tree in front of Daniel Root's house in Middlefield then  $S. 2\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} W. 7$  ch. 12 Lks then  $S. 43\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W. 9$  ch. 18 Lks then  $S. 88^{\circ} W. 2$  ch. 87 Lks then  $S. 56^{\circ} W. 3$  ch. 25 Lks then  $S. 32^{\circ} W. 13$  ch. 71 Lks then  $S. 45^{\circ} W. 4$  ch. 50 Lks then  $S. 13\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W. 7$  ch. 55 Lks then  $S. 54\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W. 7$  ch. 56 Lks then  $S. 56^{\circ} W. 1$  ch. 20 Lks then  $S. 29^{\circ} W. 4$  ch. 14 Lks then  $S. 2\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E. 4$  ch. 33 Lks then  $S. 5$  ch. 68 Lks then  $S. 68\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W. 4$  ch. 50 Lks then  $S. 85^{\circ} W. 3$  ch. 10 Lks then  $S. 69^{\circ} W. 1$  ch. 75 Lks then  $S. 86^{\circ} W. 2$  ch. 85 Lks then  $N. 59^{\circ} W. 3$  ch. 48 Lks then  $N. 27^{\circ} W. 8$  ch. 60 Lks then  $N. 32^{\circ} W. 9$  ch. 60 Lks then  $N. 23^{\circ} W. 10$  ch. 69 Lks then  $N. 28^{\circ} W. 11$  ch. 30 Lks then  $N. 49^{\circ} W. 2$  ch. 80 Lks then  $N. 6^{\circ} W. 1$  ch. 38 Lks then  $S. 44^{\circ} W. 4$  ch. 54 Lks then  $S. 40^{\circ} W. 8$  ch. 53 Lks then  $S. 53\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W. 3$  ch. 44 Lks then west 4 ch. 80 Lks then  $N. 37^{\circ} W. 4$  ch. 77 Lks then  $N. 48^{\circ} W. 6$  ch. 80 Lks then  $N. 70^{\circ} W. 1$  ch. 83 Lks then  $S. 80^{\circ} W. 7$  ch. 87 Lks to Middlefield Mill Brook then  $S. 80^{\circ} W. 4$  ch. 50 Lks then  $S. 82^{\circ} W. 10$  ch. 84 Lks then  $N. 55\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W. 12$  ch. 60 Lks then  $N. 42^{\circ} W. 6$  ch. 60 Lks then  $N. 27^{\circ} W. 8$  ch. 25 Lks then  $N. 31^{\circ} W. 9$  ch. 75 Lks then  $N. 47^{\circ} W. 6$  ch. 36 Lks then  $N. 49^{\circ} W. 9$  ch. 34 Lks then  $N. 25^{\circ} W. 4$  ch. 34 Lks then  $N. 0^{\circ} 30' W. 4$  ch. 50 Lks to the bridge between Becket and Middlefield then  $N. 0^{\circ} 30' W. 13$  ch. 50 Lks then  $N. 15^{\circ} W. 8$  ch. 30 Lks then  $N. 45^{\circ} W. 1$  ch. 45 Lks then  $N. 80^{\circ} W. 3$  ch. 95 Lks then  $S. 76^{\circ} W. 14$  ch. 92 Lks then  $N. 55^{\circ} W. 1$  ch. 63 Lks then  $N. 30^{\circ} W. 3$  ch. 48 Lks then  $N. 11^{\circ} W. 2$  ch. 38 Lks then  $N. 38^{\circ} W. 3$  ch. 94 Lks then  $N. 61^{\circ} W. 5$  ch. 45 Lks then  $N. 54^{\circ} W. 6$  ch. 23 Lks then  $N. 41^{\circ} W. 3$  ch. 6 Lks then  $N. 33\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W. 5$  ch. 77 Lks then  $N. 11\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W. 1$  ch. 83 Lks then  $N. 31\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W. 5$  ch. 50 Lks then  $N. 48\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W. 10$  ch. 62 Lks then  $N. 62^{\circ} W. 7$  ch. 66 Lks then  $N. 46^{\circ} W. 7$  ch. 75 Lks then  $N. 40\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W. 6$  ch. 54 Lks then  $N. 54\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W. 5$  ch. 63 Lks then  $N. 42\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W. 4$  ch. 87 Lks then  $N. 49^{\circ} W. 5$  ch. 20 Lks then  $N. 45\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W. 4$  ch. 75 Lks then  $N. 43^{\circ} W. 7$  ch. 25 Lks then  $N. 64^{\circ} W. 7$  ch. 25 Lks then  $S. 87^{\circ} W. 6$  ch. 25 Lks then  $N. 83^{\circ} W. 7$  ch. 10 Lks then  $N. 65^{\circ} W. 11$  ch. 60 Lks then  $N. 67^{\circ} W. 5$  ch. 50 Lks then  $N. 47^{\circ} W. 3$  ch. 50 Lks then  $N. 36^{\circ} W. 3$  ch. 50 Lks then  $N. 26\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W. 11$  ch. 25 Lks then  $N. 62^{\circ} W. 8$  ch. 25 Lks then  $S. 83^{\circ} W. 18$  ch. 75 Lks to the road from Middlefield to Becket then  $N. 67^{\circ} W. 4$  ch. 58 Lks then  $N. 38^{\circ} W. 6$  ch. 42 Lks then  $N. 42^{\circ} W. 9$  ch. 95 Lks then  $N. 16\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W. 6$  ch. 65 Lks then  $N. 5^{\circ} W. 3$  ch. 50 Lks to the line between Becket & Washington then  $N. 4\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} W. 4$  ch. 50 Lks then  $N. 6\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E. 8$  ch. 75 Lks then  $N. 3\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} E. 5$  ch. 19 Lks then  $N. 10\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W. 4$  ch. 5 Lks then  $N. 43\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} W. 3$  ch. 75 Lks then  $N. 93\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} W. 4$  ch. 44 Lks then  $N. 5^{\circ} W. 17$  ch. 85 Lks then  $N. 23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E. 11$  ch. 96 Lks then  $N. 5\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E. 3$  ch. 42 Lks then  $N. 14^{\circ} 50' W. 4$  chains then  $N. 5^{\circ} 20' E. 7$  ch. 7 W. 6 ch. 40 Lks then  $N. 40^{\circ} 20' W. 4$  ch. to the old road from Middlefield to Washington then same course 7 ch. then  $N. 43^{\circ} W. 3$  ch. 50 Lks then  $N. 33^{\circ} 10' W. 16$  ch. then  $N. 25\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W. 6$  ch. then  $N. 23\frac{3}{4}^{\circ} W. 4$  ch. 91 Lks to the Bridge south east of Ames' house then  $N. 36\frac{3}{4}^{\circ} W. 2$  ch. 11 Lks then  $N. 4\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W. 8$  ch. 32 Lks then  $N. 5^{\circ} E. 5$  ch. 14 W. 8 ch. 40 Lks then  $N. 41^{\circ} 30' W. 4$  ch. to the junction of the road at Branes house then same course 28 Lks then  $S. 81\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} W. 10$  ch. 45 Lks then  $S. 87^{\circ} W. 3$  ch. 77 Lks then  $N. 71\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W. 5$  ch. 55 Lks then  $N. 53^{\circ} 40' W. 8$  ch. to a point 50 Lks  $S. 61\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W.$  of the East corner of Absalom Demings' house then  $N. 43\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} W. 2$  ch. 75 Lks then  $N. 58^{\circ} W. 8$  ch. 52 Lks then  $N. 43^{\circ} 25' W. 5$  ch. 52 Lks then



N. 29° W. 2 Chs. 72 Lks. to S. W. Newtons house then N. 20° 1/4 W. 3 Chs. 27 Lks. then N. 2°  
 W. 13 Chs. 8 Lks. then N. 3° 1/2 W. 18 Chs. 75 Lks. then N. 1° 1/4 E. 7 Chs. 72 Lks. then N. 4° 1/4 W.  
 5 Chs. 80 Lks. then N. 14° 1/2 W. 3 Chs. 37 Lks. to the road near D. Sibleys on the railroad  
 summit, then N. 29° 1/2 W. 10 Chs. 17 Lks. then N. 40° 25' W. 15 Chs. 20 Lks. then N. 50° 1/4 W.  
 1 Chs. 90 Lks. then N. 31° 3/4 W. 11 Chs. 25 Lks. then N. 22° 20' W. 7 Chs. 20 Lks. then N. 22° 1/2 W.  
 2 Chs. 93 Lks. then N. 52° 1/2 W. 5 Chs. 4 then N. 11° W. 5 Chs. 64 Lks. then N. 10° E. 6 Chs. 17 Lks.  
 then N. 5° 10' W. 11 Chs. 75 Lks. then N. 17° W. 19 Chs. 20 Lks. to the line between Washington  
 & Hinsdale then N. 17° 1/4 W. 4 Chs. 37 Lks. then N. 15° 40' E. 15 Chs. 50 Lks. then N. 15° 50' E.  
 16 Chs. 15 Lks. then N. 24° W. 4 Chs. 19 Lks. to the new County road so called, then N. 37° 1/4 W.  
 11 Chs. 97 Lks. then N. 27° 50' W. 11 Chs. 65 Lks. then N. 30° 1/2 W. 39 Chs. 80 Lks. then N. 47°  
 10' W. 7 Chs. 53 Lks. to Wings shed, then N. 57° 1/4 W. 3 Chs. 64 Lks. then N. 57° 1/4 W. 16 Chs. 25 Lks.  
 then N. 58° 1/2 W. 9 Chs. 88 Lks. then N. 84° 1/2 W. 7 Chs. 29 Lks. then 81° 10' W. 14 Chs. then same  
 course 7 Chs. 42 Lks. then S. 83° 1/2 W. 9 Chs. then N. 70° 10' W. 8 Chs. 95 Lks. then N. 44° 1/2 W.  
 4 Chs. then N. 59° W. 6 Chs. 70 Lks. then N. 43° 1/4 W. 9 Chs. 92 Lks. then N. 37° 1/4 W. 6 Chs. 80 Lks.  
 to the line between Washington and Hinsdale then N. 25° 1/4 W. 3 Chs. 68 Lks. then N. 36° 5'  
 W. 12 Chs. 85 Lks. then N. 22° 1/4 W. 8 Chs. 35 Lks. then N. 36° W. 4 Chs. 63 Lks. then N. 11° W. 5 Chs.  
 17 Lks. then N. 5° E. 16 Chs. 85 Lks. then N. 45° E. 3 Chs. 53 Lks. then N. 15° E. 4 Chs. 71 Lks.  
 then North 7 Chains - then N. 28° W. 5 Chs. 47 Lks. then N. 80° W. 6 Chs. 57 Lks. then N. 57°  
 W. 12 Chs. 65 Lks. then N. 64° W. 4 Chs. 52 Lks. then N. 82° 1/4 W. 11 Chs. 50 Lks. then N. 76° 55'  
 W. 6 Chs. 62 Lks. then N. 42° W. 2 Chs. 7 Lks. then N. 20° 40' W. 4 Chs. 64 Lks. then N. 58° 1/4 W.  
 4 Chs. then N. 68° 1/2 W. 3 Chs. 25 Lks. then N. 82° W. 16 Chs. 75 Lks. then N. 88° 50' W. 8 Chs.  
 17 Lks. then N. 80° 50' W. 28 Chs. 83 Lks. then N. 63° 1/4 W. 17 Chs. 34 Lks. then N. 52° 1/2 W. 4 Chs.  
 79 Lks. then N. 54° 10' W. 10 Chs. 43 Lks. to Nichol old sign post supposed to be on the line  
 between Pittsfield and Dalton; said Turnpike is laid out four rods wide and the survey  
 is taken in the centre; and where it is laid bounding upon the river the high water water-  
 mark is taken as the southern and western boundary of the four rods - Said Com<sup>rs</sup>  
 further report that said Corporation is entitled to erect and keep up on said Turnpike,  
 Gates for collecting toll equal to two full toll gates and they are hereby authorized to do  
 the same within the following limits, viz. One full toll gate or one half toll gate within  
 One hundred sixty rods either way from Pomroys saw mill upon the new road; One  
 full toll gate or one half toll gate within One hundred sixty rods either way from David  
 McIlwains house - One full toll gate or one half toll gate at any point on the new road  
 between Samuel Henry Jun<sup>r</sup>. and Daniel Roots, All which is respectfully  
 submitted. Witness our hands and seals this twenty eighth day of October  
 A. D. 1830.

Caleb Rice & Seal

Joel Norcross & Seal

Reuben Boies Jr. & Seal

County Comm<sup>rs</sup>

Which Report is now accepted (to wit) Dec<sup>r</sup>. Term 1830) and ordered  
 To be recorded

Acceptance of a road  
 in Blandford.

Hampden ss. Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1830 The subscribers County Commissioners for the  
 County aforesaid have examined the road laid out upon the petition of Waterman  
 Carter & others, find the same finished to our acceptance & the same is hereby  
 accepted.

Caleb Rice

Joel Norcross

Reuben Boies Jr.



Camden p. Oct 7. 1830. The subscribers County Com<sup>rs</sup> for the County aforesaid Acceptance of  
 have examined the road, laid out upon the Pet<sup>n</sup> of the Selectmen of Blandford, and find a Road in  
 The same finished to our acceptance & the same is hereby accepted Blandford

Caleb Rice

Joel Vorse

Reuben Boies Jr.

The following persons were Licensed as Retailers & Innholders for the current Licenses  
 year, at the present meeting of the County Com<sup>rs</sup>. Granted

Innholders

Retailers

Granville

Blandford

do

Palmer

Westfield

Springfield

Luther Laflin R. Alanson Knop sury.

Timothy M. Cooley R. 66.66. 1st body sang

Luther Laflin R. Alanson Knop 30

Lyman Gibbs. R. same 20

Paschal P. Russell R. Amos Hamilton 20

Samuel F. Reed R. Chas. Lee 20

Abel Chapin R. Harvey Chapin sury

The following accounts against the County of Hampden were preferred to & allowed  
 by the County Com<sup>rs</sup> at this term, and Ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury, to wit: Accounts  
 Allowed

Reuben A. Chapman Exp. for attending the Jury summoned on Pet. of Inhabit<sup>s</sup> of Westfield 12 70

Joseph M. Forward Committee on Road 2 -

Sylvanus G. Atterley - do - do 2 -

James Kent - do - do 2 -

Cephas Cobb for surveying 3 1/2 days 7 -

Isaac King for repairing Bridge in Palmer 6 -

S. B. Hodgett, for repairing window blinds in Clerk's Office 2 27

John Ingersoll certifying acts to Treas. for venues &c 6 86

Eriel Day. Damages for a road laid through his land 100 -

Samuel Wood do - " - " - " - " 50 -

Reuben Hendrick - " - " - " - " - " 60 -

Wid. John West - " - " - " - " - " 12 -

Wid. Stephen West - " - " - " - " - " 5 -

Joseph Morris - " - " - " - " - " 10 -

Syrel Perrin - " - " - " - " - " 5 -

Justus Pease - " - " - " - " - " 7 -

Nathan Pease - " - " - " - " - " 35 -

Joshua Stanton - " - " - " - " - " 60 -

Willard Chaffee - " - " - " - " - " 5 -

Walter Stebbins - " - " - " - " - " 50 -

Jon<sup>s</sup> & Abel Pease - " - " - " - " - " 6 -

Luther Stebbins - " - " - " - " - " 10 -

Pliny Merrick - " - " - " - " - " 12 -

Moses Burt - " - " - " - " - " 30 -

Bonds heirs - " - " - " - " - " 9 -

Noah Alden - " - " - " - " - " 8 -

Edward Bliss - " - " - " - " - " 6 -

Henry Wright - " - " - " - " - " 5 -

Chiliab Merrick - " - " - " - " - " 5 -

530 53



Accounts all	Amount of Accts. Allowed but forward	530 53
continued.	James Loomis. damages of lands	117 87
	John Shepard " "	65 —
	Town of Monson — in part of an allowance by the County towards building a road in Monson —	150 —
	Amasa Parsons. Sawing wood attending Com <sup>rs</sup> Court Blacking Stoves &c	5 75
	Harvey Chapin services at new Jail	14 99
	do do work laying up gable end old & new Jail	33 — } 3
	Bidkas Jones fitting and leading scuttle old Jail	1 50
	William H. Foster. serving notice on J. Sedgewicks Petre.	2 40
	Henry Dwight for 3200. Bricks for Jail	12 80
	Justice Willard Books for Probate	5 50
	Rodney Day serving notice on Petre of Ronsell Lee James Eldridge &c	
	" " Selectmen of Wofford & Enos Foot et al —	7.04
	John B. Eldridge. for advertising in Whigg &c	3. —
	Robert Emery. viewing and laying Roads &c	23. —
	Robert McIntosh bill of stone for Jail	45.41
	David Paine expenses paid for sealing County Standard of Weights &c	11 97 1/2
	Harvey Chapin for side walk	53 34
	Pliny Chapin 25 pnts	16 —
	Rodolphus Smith & Co. for Plank & boards &c	29 85
	David Paine commissions as County Treasurer	261 88
		<u>\$1388.83</u>

Adjourned to Tuesday January 25. 1831. at ten of the Clock in the forenoon

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts Hampden Co.

at a legal meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of January being the twenty fifth day of said month (by adjournment from the fourth Tuesday of December A.D. 1829) in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

Present Caleb Rice Esq. Chairman

Joel Norcross Esq

Reuben Boies Jr Esq

Commissioners

warrant to borrow money. Ordered by the County Commissioners that David Paine the County Treasurer be authorized to borrow on the Credit of the County any sum of money not exceeding One thousand Dollars to defray the necessary expenses of the County the current year.

The following accounts were preferred and allowed by the County Com<sup>rs</sup> (being accts. against the County of Hampden) at this term and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury. To wit.

Whitfield Chapin for boards & laths	\$ 8.64
Phillip Wilcox. Stoves & stove pipe &c for Jail	50.86
Rodolphus Smith & Co. for boards	35.64
John W. Rice for work & building fence at Jail	21.37
George Gardner work boards nails &c for Jail	34.11
Caleb Rice Esq. for blankets &c furnished Jail	7.26
do do 33. days superintending the building the addit <sup>n</sup> to Jail & of fences	90. —
Daniel C & Henry Brewer black lead &c	1.27
Henry Dwight for nails &c for Jail	5.76
Martin D. Grays for setting Glop steam work & putting at st. house & setting glop at Jail	2.09
	<u>257.00</u>

Accounts allowed?   
 Hampden Jan 25th 1831. all matters not acted upon at order to be continued to the next meeting and this meeting is adjourned without day.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts Hampden Co.

At a legal meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April being the twelfth day of said month in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and thirty one and from day to day to the 13<sup>th</sup> day of said month -

Present Calib Rice Esq. Chairman

Isol Norcup Esq.

Reuben Boies Esq.

} Commis<sup>rs</sup>

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

Roswell Lee & others

The subscribers respectfully represent that in the year 1809, a road for the use of the Town of Springfield was laid out from the upper water shop to the road near the head of Martha's Dingle so called, near where pine street and Walnut street intersect each other: said road to be two and one half rods wide - That upon the petition of Stewart Beebe and others for a road from Springfield thro' Longmeadow and morrow to the Connecticut line, a road was laid out Aug. 23. 1820, passing part of the way over what is now called Walnut street, to be all the way three rods wide - That many of your petitioners are subjected to inconvenience in consequence of their farms and buildings being within the limits of three rods, several buildings having been erected on that street without a knowledge of the laying out aforesaid of three rods, and they may hereafter be subjected to much trouble and expense by reason of such misapprehension. They therefore pray that said road from the water shop aforesaid to the Boston road near the U. S. Army may be viewed for the purpose of such alteration or confirmation as under all the circumstances shall be deemed just and reasonable.

Signed Roswell Lee & others.

Hampden Co. - At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of Sep. 1830. On the petition aforesaid. Ordered that said Commissioners will meet at the house of Eben<sup>r</sup> Russell in Springfield on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of Dec<sup>r</sup> next at 2 O'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition & after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein and it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings, to C. Rice Esq. one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of s<sup>d</sup> meeting.

C. Rice. Chairman

Hampden Co. Nov<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 1830. Pursuant to the within order, I have served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition and Order by giving him the same and on the same day, I posted up in two public places in said Town, a notice containing the substance of said petition.

Rodney Day D. Shiff.

Hampden Co. Dec<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>. The aforesaid petition was continued to the meeting of s<sup>d</sup> Comm<sup>rs</sup> holden for s<sup>d</sup> County on the fourth Tuesday of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1830. at which meeting the s<sup>d</sup> Comm<sup>rs</sup> made their report upon the aforesaid petition, in words following, to wit

Hampden Co. Dec<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1830. The County Comm<sup>rs</sup> for the County of Hampden having given notice to all persons & corporations interested according to the above order of notice and also caused a copy of said petition to be published in the Hampden Whig a news paper printed in said County, three weeks successively the last publication being more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting and having met and viewed the road,



mentioned - petition and heard all persons and corporations who appeared & wished to be heard and after duly considering the subject Report that in the opinion of said Com<sup>rs</sup> said road ought to be so far altered as to be laid out two and one half rods wide instead of three rods the present width - all which is respectfully submitted

Caleb Rice

Joel Norcross

Reuben Davis Jr

} County Com<sup>rs</sup>

At a meeting of said Com<sup>rs</sup> on the fourth Tuesday of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1830. The foregoing Report of County Com<sup>rs</sup> of the County of Hampden was accepted and said alteration & laying out of said highway adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity and ordered to be laid out.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of December 1830. On the petition aforesaid Ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Eben Russell in Springfield on the Eleventh day of April next at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate and establish an highway upon the petition aforesaid; and to hear all persons and corporations interested on the subject of damages - And it is further Ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this Order thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to C. Rice Esq. One of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting. C. Rice Chairman

Hampden ss. March 8<sup>th</sup> 1831. Pursuant to the order I have notified the Town Clerk of Springfield by giving him an attested copy of this petition and order and on the same day I posted up in two public places in said Town Notice containing the substance of said petition.

Rodney Day. D. Shff

And this petition &c. was further continued to the present meeting of said Com<sup>rs</sup> who make their Report thereon, which is as follows. viz.

Hampden ss. April 11. 1831. The County Com<sup>rs</sup> for the County of Hampden having given notice to all persons and corporations according to the above order and also having published an abstract containing the substance of said petition three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig, a newspaper printed in said County the last publication being more than fourteen days before the term of said meeting; met on said eleventh day of April and proceeded to locate and establish a highway as follows. viz. beginning at a stake and stones 1 rod and 4 links N. 11° 20' E. from a stone monument in the line of the United States land and run N. 20° W. 11 r. 10 lks. to a post, said highway to be three rods and two feet wide at the place of beginning, and at the end of five rods to be two and one half rods wide, and west of the line run. From the post aforesaid we run N. 24° W. 11 r. 22 lks. to a post in the corner of Eli Thorpe's land. Then N. 29° W. 21 r. 3 lks. to a stake standing in a line with the northerly end of Lewis Bates House. Thence far the road to be two and one half rods wide - except the first five rods and on the westerly side of line run. We then offset at right angles from the last corner westerly two and one half rods and run N. 42° West. 93 r. 8 lks. to a walnut tree. Then same course 170 rods to the Boston Road. The two last courses the road is two & one half rods wide and on the easterly side of the line run. Said highway as we have laid it out & established it, is within the limits of the County Road heretofore laid out and for that reason we have not assessed damages to any person or corporation.



none having sustained any damage by this location. The remainder of the Old road is hereby  
discontinued. Witness our hands & Seals

Caleb Rice & Seal

Joel Norcross & Seal

Reuben Boies Jr. & Seal

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Which Report is now accepted and Ordered to be Recorded

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Hampden Co.

To the Sheriff of the County of Hampden or his Deputy. Greeting

Inbts of Wilbraham

Pet<sup>r</sup> for a new jury

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, The Inhabitants of the Town of Wilbraham by their Selectmen Agents of said Town appointed for this purpose would respectfully represent that for a long time past there has been a public highway leading from the South Parish in Wilbraham to the Town of Monson across and over Shrub hill, that the County Commissioners on the Eighteenth day of August now last past laid a new road diverging from said highway in the Town of Monson and thence running into the Town of Wilbraham to the house of Reuben Hendrick and from the house of said Hendrick running Westwardly made divers alterations in the old road which Report was as follows viz. diverging from the old road on the Easterly part of Eriel Dags land in Monson then run S. 53 1/4 W. 26 r. then S. 59 W. 22 r. then S. 64 W. 15 1/2 r. to Wilbraham line the same course 4 1/2 r. then S. 72 W. 17 r. then S. 66 W. 18 r. then S. 51 1/4 W. 16 r. then S. 68 W. 16 r. to Samuel Woods land then S. 77 W. 20 r. then S. 74 1/4 W. 62 r. then S. 63 W. 22 r. then S. 60 1/4 W. 28 r. to Reuben Hendricks land then same course 6 r. then S. 52 1/4 W. 72 r. then S. 76 W. 58 r. to the highway a little northerly of Reuben Hendricks house then run on the old road S. 67 1/4 W. 13 r. then S. 46 W. 7 r. 9 links then S. 21 1/4 W. 23 1/2 r. then S. 18 W. 23 r. then S. 2 1/2 W. 17 1/2 r. then S. 9 W. 13 r. then S. 11 1/2 W. 36 r. then S. 39 W. 54 1/2 r. then S. 21 1/4 W. 16 r. then S. 43 1/4 W. 19 1/2 r. then S. 9 1/4 W. 20 r. 20 L. then S. 32 W. 13 r. 10 L. then S. 50 W. 39 r. then S. 67 W. 42 r. then S. 86 1/2 W. 10 r. then S. 66 W. 16 r. then S. 45 W. 24 r. to a stake & stones by the Springfield and Stafford Road standing 2 r. 17 L. N. 85 1/2 W. from the guide post aforesaid, said road is laid three rods wide that the said Commissioners on the twentieth day of August now last past also reported the following alterations in another road leading from the South Parish in Wilbraham to Monson aforesaid viz. beginning at a stake & stones on the County road a little north of Cyril Perrins barn and run N. 80 W. 14 r. to a stake then N. 72 3/4 W. 24 r. to a stake then S. 72 W. 8 r. to a stake and stones then W. 45 1/2 r. to a stake & stones then N. 60 W. 16 r. to a stake & stones then N. 52 1/4 W. 13 r. to a stake and stones at the west side of the woods then N. 57 1/2 W. 56 r. to the highway; said road is laid three rods wide: both which reports were returned to the County Commissioners at their meeting holden in and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of September now last past were accepted and the location and alterations therein expressed were accepted and established. Now the Inhabitants of said Town of Wilbraham say that they are greatly aggrieved by the doings of said Commissioners in the location of said new road and in the alterations made in said highways inasmuch as the same were not necessary for the public convenience and will subject the said Town to great and unnecessary burthens to make and keep said roads in repair: and if any alterations were necessary in either of said highways they are not made in such manner as best to promote the public convenience with the least damage to private property. Therefore your petitioners pray that a Jury may be ordered to view the road so laid as aforesaid and the several alterations which were made in both of said highways and to make such alterations in



the location of any part of the same as reported by the said Commissioners or to discontinue any or every part of the same if they shall think the public good requires

Dec: 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1829. For and in behalf of the Selectmen Calvin Stebbins their Chairman.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Wilbraham by their Agents appointed for that purpose would furthermore respectfully represent that a Jury was ordered by the County Court on the above petition at an adjourned meeting of the said Com<sup>rs</sup> holden in and for the County of Hampden on the twenty sixth day of January A.D. 1830. and that the Jury so ordered appeared on the premises and made out the following verdict (viz)

Hampden vs Wilbraham April 23<sup>rd</sup>. 1830. We the subscribers being a Jury called out upon the petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilbraham to view the location of two roads laid out by the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden on the eighth day of August last past to pass from said Wilbraham to the Town of Monson. And whereas we the said Jury having viewed the said newly located roads heard the allegations of the parties and examined the testimony of the witnesses, we do hereby agree and it is our unanimous opinion that the said newly made locations are injudicious & therefore ought to be discontinued in every part - Signed & sealed by the Jury. - And that the Court of Common Pleas begun and holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden the fourth Monday of August A.D. 1830. The foregoing verdict was returned and after a full hearing of the parties it was ordered by the Court that the said verdict be set aside. Wherefore your petitioners pray that another Jury may be ordered to view the premises as set forth in the original petition and make such alterations or discontinuance therein as in their opinion the public good requires

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 1830.

Calvin Stebbins } Agents for the Town  
Wm L. Burt } of Wilbraham -

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty - and after a hearing upon said petition it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a new Jury be summoned and that the Sheriff of the County of Hampden or his deputy should summon a Jury in manner prescribed by law for the purposes mentioned in the aforesaid petition and the County Commissioners appointed Reuben A. Chapman Esq. Agent for the County of Hampden to appear before said Jury and defend against said petition. - You are therefore required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereby forthwith to summon a Jury for the purposes aforesaid by making application to the Selectmen of four or more disinterested Towns in said County who shall draw out of the Jury box of the Supreme Judicial Court of their respective towns so many Jurors as you shall require not exceeding three from any one Town, and if by accident or challenge there should happen not to be a full Jury, you are to fill the partial detalibus. Circumstantibus. as in all other cases, which said Jury so summoned are to be under oath for the faithful performance of said service, and shall hear and finally determine the complaint of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilbraham aforesaid - And when said Jury shall have agreed on their verdict they shall make out the same under their hands and seals and return the same to the next Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden, on the third Monday of March next that said Court may then and there adjudicate upon the same. - You are also required to give notice to all persons interested and also to Reuben A. Chapman Esq. Agent for said County of the time when the said Jury shall hear and determine said complaint - and you are to make return of your own travel & attendance and that of each Juror. Witness Calhoun Esq. at Springfield this twenty third day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirty. John Sugrue Clerk



Hampden Co. Wilbraham, Dec. 11. 1830. By virtue of this precept I on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November last past made application to the Selectmen of Westfield to draw out of their Jury box three Jurors for the purposes in the precept mentioned and the s<sup>d</sup> Selectmen returned the names of Charles Douglass, David Moseley, and Martin Day to serve as Jurors aforesaid - and I also on the same day made application to the Selectmen of the Town of West Springfield to draw from their Jury box three Jurors for the purposes in the precept mentioned: and the s<sup>d</sup> Selectmen returned the names of Justin Ely, Christopher Burbank, and Charles Ball Junior to serve as Jurors as aforesaid - and I also on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November last made application to the Selectmen of Springfield to draw out of the Jury Box of said Town three Jurors for the purposes in the precept mentioned and the said Selectmen returned the names of George Colton, Luther Bliss and John Pendleton as Jurors as aforesaid - and I also on the first day of December instant applied to the selectmen of the Town of Ludlow to draw from the Jury box of s<sup>d</sup> Town three Jurors for the purposes in the precept mentioned - and the s<sup>d</sup> Selectmen of s<sup>d</sup> Town returned the names of Ely Fuller, Moses Rood and Amasa Cady as Jurors as aforesaid. - On the said 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, I summoned the above named Douglass, Moseley, and Day, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December Inst. I summoned the above named Ely, Ball, Pendleton, Fuller, Rood and Cady, and on the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of s<sup>d</sup> December I summoned the above named Colton & Bliss, all and each to make his personal appearance at the house of J. M. & J. S. Chaffee, Innholders in the South Parish of Wilbraham in said County on Wednesday, the eighth day of December current at ten of the clock in the forenoon - at which time & place I proceeded to empanel the Jury, and all and each of the above named persons summoned as aforesaid appeared, except the above named Moses Rood, and I proceeded to fill the Panel et al in his Circumstantibus by selecting and returning Abel Pease of Longmeadow to serve on said Jury, and I caused the s<sup>d</sup> Douglass, Ely, Day, Colton, Burbank, Fuller, Cady, Moseley, Bliss, Pendleton & Pease to be sworn to the faithful performance of the duties assigned them, before Samuel Lathrop Esquire, one of the Justices of the Peace within and for said County of Hampden - Whereupon the said Jurors proceeded to choose a Foreman by ballot and returned Charles Douglass as chosen such foreman - The said Jurors on the s<sup>d</sup> eighth day proceeded to discharge the service assigned them and on the eleventh day of s<sup>d</sup> December, having agreed, they made signed & sealed their verdict which is herewith returned to Court to be adjudicated upon - and I notified all persons interested, and also Reuben Chapman Esquire, when & where the said Jury would hear and determine on the within mentioned Complaint of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilbraham -

Harvey Chapin. Dep. Sheriff.

Hampden Co. Dec. 8. 1830. Then Charles Douglass, Martin Day, David Moseley, Justin Ely, Christopher Burbank, Charles Ball Jr., George Colton, Luther Bliss, John Pendleton, Ely Fuller, Amasa Cady & Abel Pease, personally appeared and made solemn oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge & perform the duties required of them by the foregoing warrants according to the best of their understanding & abilities. Before Sam<sup>l</sup> Lathrop Justice of the Peace.

By virtue of the above Warrant, we the undersigned having been summoned as Jurymen met at the house of John M. & Jonathan S. Chaffee, in Wilbraham, on the 8<sup>th</sup> Instant, and after being duly sworn to perform the duties required of us in said Warrant, proceeded to examine the roads therein set forth and having examined the same, and after hearing the County by their agent Reuben A. Chapman Esq. in their several proofs & allegations, are of opinion that said roads laid out by the County Commissioners, are of common convenience & necessity & ought not to be altered.



Therefore the Jury hereby Confirm the locating and laying the same without any alteration. Witness our hands and seals.

at Wilbraham this 11<sup>th</sup> day of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1830.

Charles Douglass & Seal  
Justin Ely — & Seal  
Martin Day — & Seal  
Abel Pease — & Seal  
George Colton — & Seal  
Christopher Barbanks & Seal  
Ely Fuller — & Seal  
Amasa Cady — & Seal  
David Mosley & Seal  
Luther Bliss & Seal  
Charles Ball Jr. & Seal  
John Pendleton & Seal

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Hampden Co. To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at their meeting to be holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden, on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1831

I certify that the above is a true copy of the verdict of the Jury summoned upon the Petition of the Inhabitants of Wilbraham for a New Jury and which was returned to the Court of Common Pleas holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the third Monday of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and thirty one and accepted and adjudicated upon and ordered to be recorded.

Attest. John Ingersoll Clerk

License. Ebenezer Williams of Brimfield Licensed <sup>as</sup> Retailer for the current year.

Jail Established Ordered that the County Gaol and the addition which has recently been built be and as a house of correction. The same is hereby established as a house of Correction for the County of Hampden and to be used as such and Harvey Chapin is appointed the keeper thereof.

Time for finishing Ordered that the time for finishing the road laid out on the Pet<sup>n</sup> of R. A. Chapman the road in Wilbraham and others be extended until the first day of July 1831.

on Pet<sup>n</sup> of R. A. Chapman The following accounts against the County of Hampden were preferred to and allowed by the County Com<sup>rs</sup> at this term and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury

to wit	Carlo Smith setting glass & repairing windows	\$ 00 50
Accounts	Reuben A. Chapman Esq. Clerk p <sup>r</sup> forty of a verdict on Pet <sup>n</sup> of Inlet <sup>r</sup>	
allowed	of Wilbraham March 1831 C. C. P. and getting verdict accepted	5 —
	Rodney Day serving notice on Pet <sup>n</sup> of C. Stearns & others & Rowell Sec <sup>r</sup> et al.	2 24
	John B. Eldridge inserting advert. in the whig on Rowell Sec <sup>r</sup> et al.	1 —
	Wm H. Foster serving notice on J. Sedgwick & others Pet <sup>n</sup>	2 40
	John Ingersoll warrant for County Tax cost accounts & for review & p <sup>r</sup> bill	16 63
	Eli B. Phelps service rendered by David Lord at the Jail	3 20
	James Brewer for sundry goods as p <sup>r</sup> bill	19 37
	Simon Sanborn for work of White for sack & putting on locks &c	3 75
	Solomon Warriner for Quills & broom	1 59
	R. V. L. Bliss 7 Cots for the Jail	11 66
	John W. Rice building fence benches clapboard & stork house &c	44 20
	Amasa Parsons taking Care Court House sawing & carrying up wood to Ct. Room cleaning floors & glass in Clerk's Office	14 87 1/2
		\$126 41 1/2



To amt of accounts allowed bet. forward 126 4 1/2  
 William Rice making an Indef for Grants & Grants to 10. 00 210 66  
 Henry Chapin Support of prisoners in Jail Key fees articles  
 furnished Jail work &c. as per acct. rendered 470  
 \$807 0 7 1/2

Damages for laying highways as follows to wit.

Eager Noble Fifty Dollars	50
James Sacket Ten Dollars	10
Cephas Holcomb Three "	3
Joshua Loomis Five "	5
Lucas Cowles Three "	3
Samuel Jones Five "	5
Thomas Loomis Eight "	8
Deborah C. Fowler Thirty eight "	38
Lewis D. Fowler Twenty three "	23
Phineas L & John L. Kellogg Twenty dollars	20
Widow Hough One Dollar	1
Edmund Ely Fifty Dollars	50
Rowland Taylor Forty do	40
Hiram Drake Fifteen "	15
Saud Noble six dollars fifty cents	6 50
William Noble nine dollars	9
Solomon Phelps seven dollars fifty cents	7 50
Seremiah Mosely Four dollars	4
	<u>\$298 00</u>

Hampden ss April 13<sup>th</sup> 1831. All matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued to the next meeting of the County Commissioners and this meeting is adjourned without day.  
 Attest. John Ingersoll Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Hampden ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of June being the twenty eighth day of said month in the year of our Lord, One thousand Eight hundred and thirty one and from day to day to the 29<sup>th</sup> day of said month.

Present. William Bliss Esq. Chairman  
 Joel Norcross Esq.  
 Reuben Boies Jr. Esq.

County  
 Comrs

Hampden ss. To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at their Inhabts of Wilbraham meeting next to be holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & twenty nine to wit: Pet. for C. Comrs  
 Humbly Shew the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilbraham in said County by their Agents a Road  
 thereto authorized that in & by a certain Law of this Commonwealth entitled "an act in addition to an act directing the method of laying out highways made and passed on the fourth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty six, and to take effect from and after the first day of July then next ensuing, it was among other things provided that the Commissioners of highways to be appointed in & for the several Counties in the said Commonwealth, as in said act is set forth should have power to order & determine upon the



making, altering, turning or discontinuing any highway and also to assess the damages sustained by any person in his real estate by means thereof and should have power and it should be their duty to cause all roads located by them to be constructed and finished to their acceptance and that all expenses thereby incurred as well as the damages so sustained and assessed for laying out any highway as aforesaid should be paid by the County - and that they the Commissioners of highways should make returns of their doings to the Court of Sessions for the same County - and in and by said act it was also provided that all roads and highways laid out but not worked at the time the said act should take effect should be subjected to the supervision and review of the Commissioners of highways, and that the Commissioners should have all the powers and the County should be subjected to all the liabilities in reference to such roads and highways so laid out but not worked as were provided in regard to new roads laid out by Commissioners as herein before stated. - And the said Inhabitants further shew that at the Court of Sessions begun and holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty five and before the act herein mentioned took effect a certain highway which upon the petition of Stephen Utley & others had been duly laid out from Cottons Hollow so called in Monson in said County thro and across the Town of Wilbraham aforesaid to near the dwelling house of Eli Foster in Springfield the whole thereof being in said County and duly reported to said Court of Sessions was by the same Court duly accepted established and confirmed as a public highway and duly recorded as such except that part thereof which lies between a point seventeen rods East of the land of Deacon Chittab. B. Merrick and the then dwelling house of Asa Clinstead Esq. which was not accepted as by the record thereof of the said Court of Sessions manifestly appears, a copy whereof they bring into Court here - And the said Inhabitants further shew that at the time when the aforementioned act took effect, all that part of said highway, so established which lies between the East line of said Town of Wilbraham and the West line thereof though laid out was not worked, constructed or finished of which the Commissioners of Highways for said County of Hampden and the said County had then & there due notice - and thereby and by force of the said act it then became and was the duty of the said Commissioners of highways to take the supervision and review of said parts of said highway and to cause that part of the same which had been established lying within the bounds of said Town of Wilbraham to be constructed & finished & certify the expense thereof to the said County - and also to examine assess & certify the damages occasioned to any persons real estate by the said highways passing thro the same - but they altogether neglected and hitherto have neglected to do the same on any part thereof - And the said Inhabitants further shew that on the twenty sixth day of February in the year Eighteen hundred and twenty eight, when the act establishing County Commissioners, was passed and took effect the working of that part of said highway so established which lay within the bounds of the said Town of Wilbraham aforesaid or any part thereof was not commenced by the said Commissioners of highways as by them contracted to be made and that by the provision of Law it was and still is the duty of the said County of Hampden to make and to pay the expense of making & constructing the same parts of said highway - and also to pay the damages incurred by any person in his real estate by the same highway passing thro their lands - wherefore the said Inhabitants pray that the said County Commissioners would take cognizance of the premises and do & perform all acts & things which were incumbent on the Commissioners of highways to do in regard to said highway & especially would cause the same to be constructed & finished and would order the County Treasurer of said County of Hampden to pay the expense of the -



making of s<sup>d</sup> Highway so far as the same is within the s<sup>d</sup> town of Wilbraham according to the provisions of the Statute in that behalf made & provided - and would also assess and certify the damages aforesaid - And the s<sup>d</sup> Inhabitants further shew that that on the twenty sixth day of February in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty six & long before and ever since, it was and is the duty of the County of Hampden to construct & cause to be constructed and made and to pay for the construction and making of two certain parts of a highway which heretofore to wit at the Court of Session holden at Springfield in s<sup>d</sup> County on the first Tuesday of April in the year Eighteen hundred and twenty six was duly established and confirmed as a public highway from Cottons Hollow in Monson in said County thro s<sup>d</sup> Town of Wilbraham to near the house of Eli Foster in Springfield in s<sup>d</sup> County to wit from the east line of the Town of Wilbraham aforesaid to the East line of land of Dear<sup>m</sup> Chilibal Merrick in s<sup>d</sup> Wilbraham and from the late dwelling house of Asa Olmstead Esq in s<sup>d</sup> Wilbraham to the west line of s<sup>d</sup> Town of Wilbraham, and also to pay the damages assessed to those persons thro whose lands the same parts of s<sup>d</sup> highway pass - and that the same the laid out had not been worked and made on or before the first day of July in the year Eighteen hundred and twenty six - & that the same parts of s<sup>d</sup> highway on the twenty sixth day of February in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty eight had not been begun to be worked upon by the s<sup>d</sup> Commissioners of highways or been contracted for by them - And the same last mentioned parts of s<sup>d</sup> highway last mentioned have not been altered or discontinued, but the same still remain a County highway - And that s<sup>d</sup> Commissioners of highways have not ever assessed or paid or caused to be paid the damages done to persons thro whose land the same pass - and the s<sup>d</sup> Inhabitants further shew that the damages assessed to divers persons thro whose land the same parts of s<sup>d</sup> last mentioned highways pass within s<sup>d</sup> Town of Wilbraham amount to the sum of Two hundred and twenty dollars - which they have been called upon to pay and which they say ought to be paid by the s<sup>d</sup> County wherefore the s<sup>d</sup> Inhabitants pray that the s<sup>d</sup> County Commissioners would do and cause to be done all those acts, matters and things which according to the Laws and Statutes of the Commonwealth in that behalf they ought to do especially that they would take the supervision & review of the same parts of s<sup>d</sup> highway and construct & make or cause to be constructed & made the same, and that they would pay or cause to be paid the expense & charges of making s<sup>d</sup> parts of s<sup>d</sup> highway, and would also reassess the damages done to those persons in their real estate thro whose land the same pass & cause the same & every part of s<sup>d</sup> damages and the charge of making the same parts of s<sup>d</sup> highway to be paid by s<sup>d</sup> County of Hampden -

Dec. 22<sup>d</sup>. 1829.

Calvin Stebbins Agent for s<sup>d</sup> Town

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty nine and after a hearing upon said petition was continued from term to term to this term, and now in this term it is ordered by s<sup>d</sup> Commissioners that said Pet<sup>n</sup> of the Inhts of Wilbraham be dismissed -

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> County Com<sup>rs</sup> for the County of Hampden, Humbly shew Cha<sup>s</sup> Stearns the undersigned, Inhabitants of Springfield in said County, that the common road or highway leading from the junction of Maple Street and State Street in said Springfield attaining in a Road at or near Thomas Dales house to Union Street is crooked and of uneven width and in many places very narrow and that the same can for the greater convenience of the public be turned and altered so that it shall be more straight and of even & uniform width and in a much better manner accommodate the travel on said road than it now does -



They further shew that there is no road of record in some places between the said points. Wherefore they pray that said Com<sup>rs</sup> will view the premises and having given due notice to all parties concerned, will order and determine said road to be laid out or altered so that the same shall be more straight and of an even and uniform width and make such other alterations as public Convenience shall require Dec. 27. 1830.

Signed. Charles Stearns Votter

Hampden J. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of Dec. 1830. On the petition aforesaid. Ordered that said Commissioners will meet at the house of Eben<sup>r</sup>. Russell in Springfield on the Eleventh day of April next at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein. And it is further Ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with your doings to C. Rice Esq. one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice Chairman

Hampden J. March 8<sup>th</sup> 1831. Pursuant to the above order I have notified the Town Clerk of Springfield by giving him an attested copy of this petition and order, and on the same day I posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition —

Flodney Day D. Shff.

And the foregoing petition was continued to the meeting of said County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April now last past at which time the S<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>rs</sup> made their report upon s<sup>d</sup> petition in the words following, to wit. —

Hampden J. April 11. 1831. The County Com<sup>rs</sup> for said County having given notice according to the above Order and also caused a copy of said petition to be published in the Springfield Republican a newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively, the last publication being more than fourteen days before said eleventh day of April, met accordly and proceeded to view the alterations mentioned and after viewing the same and hearing the parties, and duly considering the subject Report that common Convenience and necessity require that said road should be laid out and established and in so doing that the same be straitened & widened in several places, all which is respectfully submitted

Caleb Rice

Joel Norcross

Reuben Boies Jr.

} Co. Com<sup>rs</sup>

At a meeting of said County Com<sup>rs</sup> on s<sup>d</sup> second Tuesday of April 1831. The foregoing Report of Co. Com<sup>rs</sup> was accepted, and said alterations & laying out of s<sup>d</sup> highway adjudged to be of common Convenience and necessity. & Ordered to be laid out.

Hampden J. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April 1831. On the petition aforesaid. Ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Eben<sup>r</sup>. Russell in Springfield, on the twenty seventh day of June next at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate and establish a highway upon the petition aforesaid; and to hear all persons and corporations interested therein, on the subject of damages. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition & this order,



thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to C. Rice Esq. one of said commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. C. Rice Chairman

Hampden ss. May 10. 1831. Pursuant to the above order I have served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this order and petition by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode, and on the same day I posted up in two public places in said Town notices containing the substance of said petition. Rodney Day. D. Shiff

And the aforesaid petition was further continued to this term, and now in this term the ss. County Com<sup>rs</sup> make their Report in words following to wit.

The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested according to the foregoing order of notice and also caused an abstract of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed at Springfield in said County the last publication being fourteen days at least before the time of meeting as aforesaid. The Commissioners viz. William Bliss Joel Norcross & Reuben Boies Jr. met at the time and place and proceeded to lay out alter and establish a highway called Maple Street in said Springfield as follows viz running lines on both sides of said way we began at the junction of State and Maple Streets at the northwesterly corner of Thomas Dales land and thence S. 61° E. 21 rods 5 links to a small post at the southeasterly end of a stone-wall in front of C. B. Morris house thence S. 69° E. 3 rods 14 links to an angle in said Morris Garden fence thence S. 73° E. 7 rods 7 links to the centre of a large maple in front of G. Ames house; thence S. 80° E. 6 rods 14 links to the end of a fence near Charles Howard Southwest door yard post & 12 1/2 links from the corner of his house; then S. 73° E. 14 rods 17 links to a bend in the fence; thence S. 58° E. 7 rods 3 links to a stake; thence S. 39° 20' E. 10 Rods 11 links to Union Street at the Southwesterly corner of the lot southerly of the Female Seminary; the foregoing is the line of the north easterly side of the way. — Running the Southwesterly line we began on the northerly line of S. Union Street at a stake 3 rods & 3 links from the said Southwesterly corner of the lot southerly of S. Seminary; thence ran N. 40° W. 12 rods to a picket marked on the garden fence late of G. Ornes dea. thence N. 58° W. 5 rods 12 links to Easterly corner of S. Ornes Woodhouse thence N. 77° W. by S. Woodhouse 3 rods to the N. E. corner thereof; thence N. 78° 30' W. 5 rods 7 links to N. E. corner of S. Ornes dooryard; thence N. 82° 30' W. to a large Elm 3 rods 21 links; thence N. 74° 40' W. 5 rods 13 links to N. E. corner of S. McQuiveys door yard; thence N. 65° 20' W. 4 rods 2 links to a stake; thence N. 61° W. 22 rods 5 links to a stake and stones on the southerly side of State Street. Said way is to be constructed within twelve months from this date of a sufficient width not less than Twenty feet for travelled way; with suitable mounds and sluice ways for carrying off water. All to be done to the acceptance of the Commissioners.

After hearing all persons and Corporations wishing to be heard in regard to damages we assessed damages as follows — To the heirs of Samuel Orne deceased One Dollar. — Thomas Dale Forty Dollars. Jonathan Dwight Junior fifty five Dollars who alone were damaged — Witness our hands & seals this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June A. D. 1831

William Bliss & seal

Joel Norcross & seal

Reuben Boies Jr. & seal

} County  
Commissioners

Which Report is now (at this term) accepted & ordered to be recorded



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 Jas Loomis  
 & others Pet. for  
 Jury on Com. to  
 estimate damages

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Hampden ss.  
 To Ebenezer Russell, Harvey Chapin & George Cotton all freeholders  
 in their said County

Greeting

Whereas at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord, One thousand Eight hundred and thirty one, James Loomis, Jarsus N. Fowler, Elizabeth Fowler, Enoch Brown, Roswell Brown Junr, King Parks, Eager Noble & Horace Holcomb of Westfield in said County preferred their petition setting forth "that on the petition of Enos Foster & others the County Commissioners for said County laid a publick highway, leading from the road near the Litley house so called in Southwick to the road leading from Westfield to Russell by Stephen Sackett's place so called over the lands of your petitioners and the return thereof made by your honorable board, was accepted at the last term thereof, and your petitioners are greatly injured by laying said road and the damages allowed your petitioners are greatly inadequate to recompense them therefor. They therefore pray that a Jury may be summoned to assess damages to them in the premises or a Committee appointed therefor if the parties agree. And the Petitioners appear by Eli B. Hamilton Esq. their attorney and agree with the County Commissioners upon Ebenezer Russell, Harvey Chapin & George Cotton as a Committee to view the premises and estimate said damages to the several petitioners - Therefore Ordered by the County Commissioners that you Ebenezer Russell, Harvey Chapin and George Cotton be a Committee fully authorized and empowered to view the premises, and you are to be under oath faithfully and impartially to estimate the damages sustained by the said James Loomis, Jarsus N. Fowler, Elizabeth Fowler, Enoch Brown, Roswell Brown Junr, King Parks, Eager Noble & Horace Holcomb and also to Caleb Rice Esq. of West Springfield who is appointed by the County Commissioners agent for the County of Hampden to appear before said Committee on behalf of said County, of the time and place of your meeting to view the premises & attend said service - And you are to make return of your doings herein under your hands and seals to the next meeting of the County Commissioners to be holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirty one - By Order of the County Commissioners -

John Ingersoll. Clerk.

Hampden ss. June 3<sup>d</sup> 1831. Then the above named Ebenezer Russell, Harvey Chapin and George Cotton personally appearing made solemn oath that in discharging the trust reposed in them by the foregoing Commission they would severally act faithfully and impartially according to their best skill & judgment.

Before me Eli B. Hamilton Justice of the Peace

at the present term of the meeting of said County Com<sup>rs</sup> for Hampden County, the aforementioned Committee made their return of assessment of damages agreeably to the foregoing Order, in words following, to wit, "The subscribers, a Committee appointed by the within Order to view the premises and faithfully and impartially to appraise the damages sustained by the within named Jarsus N. Fowler, Elizabeth Fowler, Enoch Brown, Roswell Brown Jr, James Loomis, King Parks & Eager Noble by laying out of the Road within named, having been sworn to the faithful performance of our duty, and having given due and seasonable notice to all parties interested of the time and place of our meeting met them at the Inn of J. M. Parsons



in Westfield on the third day of June Instant. from whence we proceeded to view the premises and having fully heard the parties, and duly considered their proofs and allegations do award and determine that the said Tarsus N. Fowler is damaged to the amount of Twenty Eight Dollars, Elisabetta Fowler. Eighty Dollars, Horace Holcomb Thirty six Dollars, Enoch Brown forty eight Dollars, Roswell Brown Jr. One hundred & ten Dollars, King Parks. One hundred & ten Dollars. James Loomis One Cent. & Eager Noble Fifty five dollars which sums we on our oaths aforesaid estimate as the respective damages sustained by them in the premises. - All which is respectfully submitted -  
June 3. 1831.

Eben<sup>r</sup>. Russell & Seal  
Harvey Chapin & Seal  
George Colton & Seal

Which report of Committee is now accepted & ordered to be recorded

The votes for County Treasurer <sup>for the County of Hampden</sup> having been sorted and counted. It appears that the whole number of votes returned is two thousand two hundred and fifty four, necessary to a choice Eleven hundred twenty eight, and no person having that number of votes it is adjudged by the County Com<sup>rs</sup> that there is no choice

The votes for Register of Deeds for the County of Hampden having been returned from the several Towns in said County and having been sorted & counted it appears that the whole number is two thousand three hundred & three; necessary for a choice Eleven hundred fifty two. William Rice Esq<sup>r</sup> of Springfield had Seventeen hundred thirty two votes, and is by the County Com<sup>rs</sup> declared duly elected Register of Deeds. The said Rice appears and gives bond to the acceptance of said Commissioners, and is sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of said Office.

Jonathan Moore. Licensed as Innholder Ac. \$66.66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> Tudor Corley Surety <sup>man</sup> License Granted

The County Com<sup>rs</sup> have agreed with Doct<sup>r</sup> Lemuel W. Belden as Physician to attend upon the poor prisoners in Jail for Crimes and furnish necessary medicines for Ten Dollars the year ensuing. June 28. 1831. - Dr. Beldens Contract as Physi<sup>cian</sup>

Ordered by the County Com<sup>rs</sup> That David Paine the County Treasurer be authorized to borrow <sup>One thousand Dollars of the Springfield Bank</sup> on the Credit of the County for the purpose of paying a note of five hundred Dollars due said Bank, and for other County expenses the current year - Warrant for Cy. Has it been may

The following accounts against the County of Hampden were prepared to and allowed by the County Com<sup>rs</sup> at this term and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury - Accounts Allowed.

Caleb Rice for services when by Com <sup>rs</sup> for bill	\$ 18 05
Veranus Chapin searching for Gaol	6 25
Pharman Goodman for Desks &c. for Registers Office	8 "
John Phelps distributing proclamations &c.	22 08
John Ingersoll copies & minor Bills &c.	13 09
Callender & Kirkham Books & Stationary	12 72
Lemuel W. Belden, One years attendance as Physician for Gaol Prisoners	10 -
Jonathan Wright working in Register of Deeds Office	6 83
Elisba Edwards articles furnished for Gaol &c.	17 19
Quincy Knop serving notices of John Elder & H. Hamilton	4 40
John Mills services on Petn of Roswell Brown &c.	4 -
	\$151 61



To amount of accounts allowed list forward	151 61
Freeman Burr, work at painting 44 days	41 87
Rodney Day, serving Order of notice Pet <sup>r</sup> of C. Stearns Inlt <sup>r</sup> of Springfield	2 16
Moses Daggett, for Iron work	2 66
Carle Smith, for work at Court house Chimney	1 79
John B. Eldridge for printing Receipts & Expenditures of the County	2 50
Eli B. Hamilton, balance on J. Leemis Pet <sup>r</sup>	" 77
Ebenezer Mispell, as committee on Westfield Road	4 12
Harvey Chapin do do	4 12
George Colton do do	4 12
Levi A. Fowler for damages of Land for Roads	28 "
Elizabeth Fowler " " "	80 "
Horace Holcomb " " "	36 "
Enoch Brown " " "	48 "
Roswell Brown Jr. " " "	110 "
King Parks " " "	110 "
James Leemis " " "	" 01
Eager Noble " " "	55 "
Horace Nelson " " "	12 00
Amasa Parsons attending Com <sup>y</sup>	3 "
Taylor & Salisbury, steps stones for County House	15 60
	<u>683 33</u>

Hampden Co. June 29<sup>th</sup> 1831 all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued to the next meeting of the County Com<sup>y</sup> and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest John Ingersoll Clerk.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of October being the fourth day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty one & from day to day to the sixth day of said month and adjourned to Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> day of said month

Present - William Bliss Esq. Chairman  
Joel Norwicks Esq. } Commissioners  
Reuben Boies Jr. Esq. }

To the Honorable County Commissioners within & for the County of Hampden - The Hampshire petition of the undersigned represents that in their opinion public convenience and necessity require that a new road be constructed commencing on the road leading from Ware village to the Town of Palmer near the line of said Towns & thence in a Southwesterly direction till it intersects the road leading from Palmer Town to the three Rivers Bridge at such a point as shall be judged most for the public good by said Commissioners & further to make any alterations in the old road leading from Ware line to the three rivers in Palmer which by said Commissioners may be thought necessary - We therefore pray that a view may be had and that such other measures may be adopted as shall be necessary to carry the prayer of said petition into effect - And as in duty bound will ever pray.

June 21<sup>st</sup> 1830

Signed Hampshire Manufacturing Co. & others -

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June 1830 On the petition aforesaid Ordered that said Commissioners will meet at the house of Franklin Morgan in Palmer on the sixteenth day of September next at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon thirty days at least & post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to Joel Norwicks Esq. one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting - E. Rice Chairman -

Hampden ss. August 12<sup>th</sup> 1830 Pursuant to the within order I have served the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of the aforesaid petition & order & posted an abstract thereof in two public places in said Town

Service 30

Travel 24

Copy 50

2 Abstracts 20

William H. Foster D. Sheriff

Hampden ss. The County Commissioners for the County of Hampden having given notice to all persons & Corporations interested according to the foregoing order of notice and also caused a copy said petition & order thereon to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Journal & Advertiser or a newspaper printed in said County the last publication being more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting and on said sixteenth day of September & proceeded to view the several routes shown us by the petitioners & others & also the old road & the alterations proposed to be made in the same and after viewing heard all parties interested



who opposed & wished to be heard upon the subject and the further consideration of the same was postponed until the fifth day of May A.D. 1831 - On the fifth day of May aforesaid said County Commissioners having met at the house of Franklin Morgan in Palmer proceeded to view the several routes & the alterations proposed in the old road and after duly considering the subject report that in the opinion of said Commissioners common convenience & necessity require that the old road should be altered so as to run easterly of Noah Sheovers South house crossing the land of said Sheover, Wilson Foster & others & on the west side of the old road southerly of Mrs. Hitchcocks & widening & shortening the old road in several places towards the pond - also to alter the old road at the dug way - after passing the dug way to lay out a new highway on the East side of the river in the most direct route to the present road near the bend of the river a few rods easterly of the house lately occupied by Moses Larned all which is respectfully submitted - Caleb Rice - Jos. Norrop & Reuben Boies Jr.

The aforesaid proceedings & report were made by said County Commissioners at a meeting of said County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one & which meeting the said petition had been continued and at which term the aforesaid report was accepted & the way therein described adjudged by the County Commissioners of Common convenience and necessity and ordered to be laid out - and thereupon it was ordered as follows

Hampden sh. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June 1831 on the petition aforesaid ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Franklin Morgan in Palmer on the twenty eighth day of September next at Eight O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate & establish an highway upon the petition aforesaid and to hear all persons & corporations interested therein on the subject of damages - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of said petition & this order thirty days at least & post up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to Jos. Norrop Esqr one of said Commissioners at or before time of said meeting

William Bliss Chairman

and this petition was further continued to this term -

Hampden sh. August 25<sup>th</sup> 1831 Pursuant to the foregoing order I have served the Town Clerk of the Town of Palmer with an attested copy of the foregoing petition & order thereon and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of the petition aforesaid

Caleb Rice Sheriff -

and now the County Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Hampden sh. Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 1831 The County Commissioners for said County of Hampden having given notice to all persons and corporations interested according to the above order of notice & also caused an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Journal and advertiser a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication being fourteen days at least before the time of meeting as aforesaid met pursuant to said order of notice at the time & place therein mentioned & hearing all persons and corporations who wished to be heard proceeded to lay out a highway as follows (viz) Beginning at a stone & stones on the easterly side of the present travelled road from



Palmer to Ware Village and on the line of the said Towns of Palmer & Ware and run S. 28° 40' W. 17 rods to a stone & stone thence S. 37° 30' W. 19 rods to a stone & stone thence S. 37° 30' W. 19 rods to a stone & stone - thence S. 18° 30' W. 14 rods to the Northwest corner of Noah Sheovers North Born - thence S. 14° 40' W. 22 r. - thence S. 35° 15' W. 10 r. - 17 l. thence S. 46° 30' W. 10 r. - to an oak stump - thence S. 66° W. 26 r. - thence S. 61° 20' W. 23 r. - thence S. 40° 20' W. 40 r. - 10 l. thence S. 27° 20' W. 22 r. - 21 l. - thence S. 17° 30' W. 04 r. - 16 l. - thence S. 10° W. 13 r. - 5 l. thence S. 8° 30' W. 24 r. - to an oak tree at corner of Hitchcocks & Dear. Posters lands. thence S. 10° 20' W. 25 r. - 9 l. thence S. 16° 40' W. 36 r. - thence S. 37° W. 17 r. - 12 l. to N.W. corner of L. Hitchcocks house near a brook - thence S. 35° 30' W. 37 r. - to N.W. corner of school house thence S. 22° 30' W. 19 r. - 10 l. - thence S. 25° W. 7 r. - 10 l. thence S. 41° 50' W. 6 r. - 21 l. - at the separation of the roads thence S. 71° 40' W. 11 r. - 5 l. thence S. 77° W. 20 r. - thence W. 1° 30' N. 11 r. - 22 l. S. 81° 15' W. 19 r. - thence S. 87° 45' W. 22 r. - thence W. 5° N. 25 r. - 3 l. to a button ball tree - thence S. 80° W. 26 r. - to an apple tree in Jacob Newells orchard thence S. 86° 20' W. 26 r. - 13 l. thence S. 70° W. 24 r. - 23 1/2 l. thence S. 20° 40' W. 5 r. - 5 l. thence S. 14° 20' W. 6 r. - 10 l. thence S. 1° 40' W. thirty three rods 21 links to the dug way thence S. 21° W. 27 r. - thence S. 34° W. 6 r. - thence S. 70° 30' W. 21 r. - 20 l. thence S. 79° 30' W. 16 r. - 15 l. thence S. 31° 40' W. 6 r. - 10 l. to N.W. corner of Chester Hastings Westly born thence S. 21° 20' W. 20 r. - crossing the turnpike road to the Westly side thereof - thence S. 34° W. 70 r. - to a crooked maple thence S. 35° 20' W. 23 r. - 12 1/2 l. to the fence between lands of said Hastings & heirs of James Watson thence S. 38° 40' W. 8 r. - 20 l. to a white oak marked thence S. 39° 40' W. 7 r. - to a white oak marked thence S. 47° W. 9 r. - to a chestnut tree thence S. 45° W. 8 r. - to a small maple S. 40° W. 10 r. - 15 l. to a pine marked - thence S. 23° W. 12 r. - to a pine marked, thence S. 16° W. 50 r. - to a dry chestnut thence S. 16° 30' W. 6 1/2 r. - to a maple saddle thence S. 7° 30' W. 39 r. - to a stone in the woods thence S. 14° 45' E. 40 r. - to a stone & stones in a field - thence S. 40° 20' W. 41 r. - to a stone & stones in the meadow - thence S. 20° W. 26 r. - to stone & stones in a meadow thence S. 54° 30' W. 17 r. - to the Northly line of the road leading from three rivers to Palmer Meetinghouse - Stones & stones were erected at all the above points except where other bounds are mentioned as above - said road is laid three rods wide and the above line is run on the Eastly & Southly side of said road - and the road is to be worked for travelled path eighteen feet wide - said road is to be constructed in such a manner as to have the small hills or knolls drawn down to fill up the hollows in cases where possible, and to have constructed of good materials and in a substantial & permanent manner all necessary sluice ways arounds and bridges - the stones to be taken out of and the stumps removed from the limits intended for the travelled path before the road is shaped - and more particularly the small hills eastly of Noah Sheovers house are to be drawn down so as to present a more uniform and level surface - where the ground is wet, soft or spongy the road is to be well thrown up and where necessary earth is to be carried on to raise the road sufficiently high to effect the purpose - The bridge near Luke Hitchcocks small house and Sally M. Michels is to be built considerably higher than the present one; near the pond eastly of the button ball tree aforementioned there is to be a causeway and sluice - the former of sufficient height to make the ascent & descent of the hill easy and the latter of sufficient size for the passage of water at all times; The Bridge Southwesterly of Newells house to be built higher & wider than the present one - At the Southly end of the dugway at the highest place the path is to be worked down 3 or 4 feet lower than it now is; from the beforementioned crooked maple Southly about 70 rods along the side hill the road is to be well worked down so that the ascent may be gradual easy & of uniform surface as near so as the nature of the ground will admit with suitable sluices & with a trench on the hill side of the travelled path of sufficient size & depth to receive & carry off the water; suitable substantial railing is to be put up in all places requiring them



And said road in all these & other respects is to be finished in a workmanlike manner to the acceptance of said County Commissioners by the first day of November AD 1832 until the first day of May 1832 is allowed to owners to remove wood and timber. Said Commissioners have apportioned damages as follows (viz)  
 To Noah Shearer for land near Palmer & Ware line one dollar  
 To Sally W. Miskle Seventy five Dollars To Keyes Foster & Lucie Hitchcock Jun<sup>r</sup> ten dollars - To Chester Hastings for post Southwly of his house Seventy five dollars - To James Watsons heirs One Hundred & forty dollars. To Cyrus Morrish Ninety Dollars - Wilson Foster, John H. Smith, Robert Hitchcock and Jacob Newell relinquish all claim for damages to their lands also Noah Shearer & Chester Hastings for damages to their lands respectively other than that for which allowance is above made - Widow Smith was in the opinion of the Commissioners more benefitted than damaged - There were no other persons who were damaged by laying said road or who claimed damages - The Commissioners estimate the whole expense of constructing the road aforesaid at the sum of One thousand Dollars - And the said Commissioners order & direct that the sum of Five Hundred Dollars be paid from the County Treasury to said Town of Palmer when the said road shall be made & finished as aforesaid to the acceptance of said Commissioners all which is submitted

William Bliss (Seal) County  
 Joel Norrop - Seal } Comm<sup>rs</sup>  
 Reuben Boies Jr. Seal

Which Report being read and considered is accepted by the County Commissioners & ordered to be recorded

Elder & others To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners in & for the County of Hampden  
 Pet<sup>r</sup> for alteration we your humble petitioners pray you as quick as may be to examine the  
 of a Road from County road leading from Falley's roads by Stevens Mills so called  
 Falley's roads to Middlefield line to alter the line lay & improve on the same as your  
 in Chester & honors may deem necessary for the good of the public particularly from  
 Middlefield line Stevens Bridge so called to Middlefield line which we are firmly persuaded  
 may be some alteration for the great advantage of the traveller - this is  
 the fervent prayer of your petitioners Chester July 27<sup>th</sup> 1830

Signed John Elder & others

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County  
 at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of September 1830 on the petition  
 aforesaid ordered that said Commissioners will meet at the house of  
 Daniel Collins in Chester on the fourth day of November next at Nine o'clock in  
 the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said  
 petition and after viewing thereof all persons & corporations interested therein  
 And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve  
 the Town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of said petition & this order  
 thereon thirty days at least & post up in two public places in said Town an  
 abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before  
 the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof  
 with your doings to Cobb Rice Esq<sup>r</sup> one of said Commissioners at or before the  
 time of said meeting - C Rice Chairman

Hampden ss. Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1830 Pursuant to the above order I have served the Town Clerk  
 of Chester with an attested copy of the within petition & order by leaving the same



at his last & usual place of abode & on the same day I posted up Notices in two public places  
in said Chester containing the substance of said petition - Rodney Day Deputy Sheriff  
Hampden ss. November 4. 1830 The County Commissioners for the County of  
Hampden having given notice to all persons & corporations according to the foregoing  
order and also caused a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively  
in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed in said County the last  
publication being fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting two of said  
County Commissioners (Viz) Caleb Rice & Reuben Boies Jr. having met in pursuance  
of said order at the time & place appointed and it appearing that Joel Norrop Esq. one of  
the County Commissioners of said County was absent the County Commissioners  
present then summoned Robert Emory a special County Commissioner to act on  
said petition in the room of said Norrop said Commissioners then proceeded  
to view the alterations mentioned in said petition and also the old road and after  
viewing the same & hearing all persons & corporations who appeared & wished to be  
heard and duly considering the subject report that it is the opinion of said  
Commissioners public convenience & necessity require that the road north of Stevens  
Bridge should be altered so as to turn easterly of the present road crossing the land of  
Ephraim Alderman, Sylvester Berris, Joseph Prentiss & James Elder running  
near the foot of the hill also another alteration southerly of Thomas Moores  
house on land of said Moore & Sylvester Belden all which respectfully submitted

Caleb Rice } County Comrs  
Reuben Boies Jr }

Robert Emory Special County Comm<sup>r</sup>

which report being made and read at a meeting of the County Commissioners  
holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty was accepted & the way therein  
described adjudged by said County Commissioners to be of Common con-  
=venience & necessity & ordered to be laid out - and at said last mentioned  
meeting it was further ordered by said Commissioners as follows - Hampden ss.  
at a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the  
fourth Tuesday of December 1830 - On the petition aforesaid ordered that said  
Commissioners meet at the house of Thomas J. Plunkett in Chester on the 17<sup>th</sup>  
day of May next at Nine O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate  
& establish an highway upon the petition of aforesaid & to hear all persons and  
corporations interested therein on the subject of damages; And it is further ordered  
that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Chester with  
an attested copy of said petition & this order thirty days at least and post up in two  
public places in said Chester an abstract containing the substance of said petition  
fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy  
will make return hereof with your doings & Reuben Boies Jun<sup>r</sup> Esq. one of said  
Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting C. Rice Chairman  
And this petition was continued to this meeting - and the Deputy Sheriff  
makes his return of service as follows - Hampden ss. April 15<sup>th</sup> 1831 By virtue of  
this precept I have notified the Town Clerk of Chester as within directed by having  
him an attested copy of this petition & order at his last & usual place of abode and  
have also posted up two abstracts of said petition in two public places in the town  
of Chester as within directed -

Curtis Shroy D. Sheriff

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their report as follows  
Hampden ss. May 17<sup>th</sup> 1831 The County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
having given notice to all persons & corporations interested according to the within



order of notice and also caused an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper printed in said County the last publication being fourteen days at least before the time of meeting as aforesaid. Joel Norwep & Reuben Boies Jun<sup>r</sup> two of said County Commissioners having met according to said order of notice Caleb Price one of said Commissioners being absent said Commissioners who were present summoned Robert Emery a special County Commissioner to appear & act upon the foregoing petition in the room of said Price - said Commissioners then proceeded to lay out & establish a new highway as follows (viz) beginning at a stake standing one & half rods E. 32 N. from the Northeast corner of Joseph Prentiss' house then running N. 32 W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  rods to a stake then N. 2° E. W. 10 rods to a stake then N. 8° 55' E. 31.5 to a stake standing  $\frac{1}{2}$  rods west of the Southwest corner of the barn on the land of the heirs of Sylvester Bemis then N. 15° 25' - 22 to a stake by the stone wall then N. 2½ W. N. to a stake then N. 19° 20' W. 16.5 to a stake in the line of Aldermans land then N. 32° 55' W. 7.5 to a stake then N. 50° W. 9 to a stake then N. 63° 5' W. 8 to a stake then N. 61° 20' W. 22 rods to a stake by the road; said road is laid three rods wide the line run being the center of the road. The travelled path of said road is to be worked eighteen feet wide to the woods and sixteen feet wide through the woods with all necessary mounds bridges & sluice ways - The stone to be all taken out of the travelled path before the road is shaped and to be finished in a workmanlike manner to the satisfaction of said County Commissioners by the first day of July 1832 - The Commissioners will be very particular in examining the work and contractors must look well to their work - Until the twentieth day of September next is allowed to the owners of land to remove the wood & timber on said road - said Commissioners apportioned damages by reason of laying out said road as follows (viz) To the heirs of Sylvester Bemis One hundred & fifty dollars, Ephraim Alderman fifteen dollars, there were no other persons who were injured by laying said road or who claimed damages - Witness our hands & seals

Joel Norwep (Seal) } County Commissioners  
Reuben Boies (Seal) }

Robert Emery - (Seal) Special Co. Comm<sup>r</sup>  
having made up at the last June term & continued to this term one road which report being read & considered is accepted by the County Commissioners and ordered to be recorded

Henry Hamilton To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at their next Court to be holden at Springfield on the last Tuesday of December A.D. 1830 for a road in We the Inhabitants of the Towns of Tolland & Grotonville take this occasion to represent to your honors that a road to commence at or near the line of the Tolland State of Connecticut in Hartford & Mallow so called & running thence near Hubbards Brook through a part of Grotonville to the line of the Town of Tolland thence along said brook to the County road running from Grotonville to Tolland thence on the best route to the line of the town of Otis in the County of Berkshire would greatly subserve the interest of the public both as respects saving of hills & shortening of distance and in the opinion of your petitioners would open the shortest & best communication between Hartford & Albany we therefore pray that the Honorable Commissioners would view said route & establish the same as a County road or any part thereof as they in their wisdom may think fit & proper and as in duty bound will ever pray Signed Henry Hamilton & others



Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of December 1830 - On the petition of said Order that said Commis<sup>rs</sup> will meet at the House of Henry Squires in Greenville on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May next at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerks of Greenville & Tolland & Blandford each with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in each of said Towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting; The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to Reuben Boies Jun<sup>r</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup> one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting -

C. Rice Chairman

and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting until this meeting Hampden Co. April 18<sup>th</sup> 1831 By virtue of this precept I have notified the Town Clerks of Greenville Tolland & Blandford as within directed by giving them an attested copy of this order & petition and on the same day I posted up two abstracts of said petition in two public places in each of said towns

Curtis Knox D. Sheriff -

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their report as follows Hampden Co. May 18<sup>th</sup> 1831 The County Commissioners for the County of Hampden pursuant to the foregoing order gave notice to all persons & corporations interested in the subject matter of the foregoing petition & caused a copy of said petition and the order of notice thereon to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper printed in said County the last publication being fourteen days before the time of said meeting. On this day pursuant to said Notice & at the time and place Joel Norwops & Reuben Boies two of the Standing County Commissioners and Robert Emery a special Commissioner who being duly summoned in writing acted in the room of Caleb Rice who was unable to attend met all persons and corporations known to be interested and proceeded to view the route prayed for but being unable to complete said view the said Commissioners adjourned this meeting to the twenty third day of August then next ensuing then to be held at the House of M. H. Squires in Greenville at 9 o'clock A. M.

Joel Norwops (Seal) } County

Reuben Boies Jr. (Seal) } Commis<sup>rs</sup>

Robert Emery - Seal - Special Comm<sup>r</sup>

Hampden Co. August 23<sup>rd</sup> 1831 The County Commissioners for said County to wit William Bliss Joel Norwops & Reuben Boies Jun<sup>r</sup> met all persons & corporations known to be interested pursuant to the adjournment & proceeded to view the route prayed for in said petition and after viewing the same & hearing all persons & corporations wishing to be heard and having duly considered the subject Report that in the opinion of the Commissioners views as a said Common convenience & necessity do not now require that a highway should be laid and established as prayed for - all which is submitted -

William Bliss (Seal) {

Joel Norwops (Seal) {

Reuben Boies Jun<sup>r</sup> (Seal) } County Commissioners



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Eli Thrope &  
others pet: for a  
Road in Blanford

Hampden ss. To the Honorable the County Commissioners within for the County of Hampden in Session at Springfield in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred & thirty One - The subscribers Inhabitants of the Towns of Chester & Blanford in said County respectfully represent that a County road is much wanted and that the public good & necessity require that one should be laid out & made from a point near the house of Samuel Sanderson of Chester in said County in the best route passing near Freeland's falls so called to intersect the present County road near the house of Eli Thrope in said Blanford; that there is now no road between said Chester & Blanford but what is very hilly circuitous & dangerous to pass. Your petitioners therefore respectfully pray that a road may be viewed and laid between said termini and as in duty bound shall pray

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1831 -

(Signed) Eli Thrope & others

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June 1831 on the petition of aforesaid Ordered that said Commissioners will meet at the house of Justin Leemis in Blanford on the twenty fifth day of August next at Eight o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy serve the Town Clerks of Chester & Blanford each with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Chester and Blanford an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to the next Boies Jun: one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

William Bliss Chairman

And this petition was continued to this meeting -

Hampden ss. July 13<sup>th</sup> 1831 In obedience to the foregoing order I served the Town Clerks of Blanford & Chester each with an attested copy of the above petition & order thereon and also posted up in two public places in each of said Towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition

E. Rice Sheriff -

and now the said County Commissioners make their report in writing as follows - Hampden ss. August 25<sup>th</sup> 1831 The County Commissioners for the County of Hampden having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the subject matter of the foregoing petition pursuant to the foregoing order and caused a copy of said petition & the order thereon to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication being more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting met all persons & corporations known to be interested at the time & place in said notice mentioned & proceeded to view the route prayed for and after viewing the same & hearing all persons & corporations wishing to be heard - Report - that in the opinion of the Commissioners viewing as aforesaid Common convenience and necessity do not require a highway to be laid out & established as prayed for in said petition - All which is submitted

which Report being read & considered is  
Accepted & ordered to be recorded

William Bliss (Seal) } County  
Joel Norriss (Seal) } Commissioners  
Nathan Boies (Seal)



Smethport Licensed to sell spirits \$5. duty -  
Blondford - Luther Loflin R. in \$66.66 2/3 and Harmon  
Booth & Elijah DeBach as surties in \$33.33 each -  
"Justin Loomis R. in \$66.66 2/3 Lester Gibbs & John I. Reed  
as surties in \$33.33 each -  
Brinsfield - Joseph D. Browning Jr. R. in \$66.66 2/3  
Isabel Bliss & Joel Miller as surties in \$33.33 each -  
Chester - Daniel Collins Jr. R. as Prin. in \$66.66 2/3  
Daniel Monson & Symon M. Elder as surties in \$33.33 each  
"Symon M. Elder R. as Prin. in \$66.66 2/3 & Dan. Monson &  
Daniel Collins Jr. as surties in \$33.33 each -  
"Samuel Henry Jun. R. as Prin. in \$66.66 2/3 & Jeremy Worin  
& Benj. Phelps as surties in \$33.33 each -  
Gronville - Elijah Seymour R. in \$66.66 2/3 and  
P. Boice & J. Cooley as surties in \$33.33 each  
"William H. Squires R. as Prin. in \$66.66 2/3 & Charles  
Phelps & Levi S. Parsons as surties in \$33.33 each  
"Charles Phelps R. as Prin. in \$66.66 2/3 & W. H. Squires &  
Levi S. Parsons as surties in \$33.33 each  
Ludlow - Ely Fuller R. in \$66.66 2/3 & Simon  
Pease & Amosa Parsons as surties in \$33.33 each  
"Ephraim Savin R. in \$66.66 2/3 & R. D. Morris  
& Simon Pease as surties in \$33.33 each -  
Monson - Joel Norrop R. in \$66.66 2/3  
Sim. Packard & Loring Wales as surties in \$33.33 each  
Palmer - John Sedgewick R. in \$66.66 2/3  
& Amos Hamilton & Pechal P. Russell as surties in  
\$33.33 each - Franklin Morgan R. in  
\$66.66 2/3 & Pechal P. Russell & Theophilus H. Knight  
as surties in \$33.33 each - Jonathan & Moses  
R. in \$66.66 2/3 as Prin. & Franklin Morgan and  
Theophilus H. Knight as surties in \$33.33 each  
Ayote Hyde R. as Prin. in \$66.66 2/3 & Emeline  
Bond & Elijah C. Babcock as surties in \$33.33 each  
Rupell - Rupell Hawley R. in \$66.66 2/3  
& Jeremy Worin & John L. Timber as surties in  
in \$33.33 each - Rebecca Bradley R. in \$66.66 2/3  
& Jeremy Worin & Elias Hubbard as surties in \$33.33  
each - Thomas Bradley R. in \$66.66 2/3 & Nath.  
Cloth Jr. & Charles P. Cloth as surties in \$33.33 each  
Wales - Eaton Hitchcock R. as Prin. in \$66.66 2/3  
& John Smith & Thomas J. Weaver as surties in \$33.33 each  
Longmeadow - Willis Phelps R. in \$66.66 2/3 &  
Simon Pease & Seth Taylor as surties in \$33.33 each  
"William R. as Prin. in \$66.66 2/3 & Seth Taylor and  
Amos Rust as surties in \$33.33 each  
Wilbrougham - John McCray Jr. R. in \$66.66 2/3  
as Prin. & Thos. Glover & Benj. Fuller Jr. as surties in  
\$33.33 each - Thos. Glover R. as Prin. in \$66.66 2/3 & John  
McCray Jr. & Benj. Fuller Jr. as surties in \$33.33 each

Wilbrougham - Benj. Fuller Jr. R. in \$66.66 2/3  
as Prin. & Thos. Glover & John McCray Jr. as  
surties in \$33.33 each - Jonathan S. Choffee  
R. as Prin. in \$66.66 2/3 & Morvin B. Avery and  
John L. Smith as surties in \$33.33 each  
West Springfield - Amos Allen R.  
as Prin. in \$66.66 2/3 & Eben Brachet & Frederick  
Ely as surties in \$33.33 each - Warren C. Coker  
R. as Prin. in \$66.66 2/3 & Asa B. Whitman & Symon  
M. Elder as surties in \$33.33 each -  
Jaimin L. Fairfield R. as Prin. in \$66.66 2/3  
& Abner Miller & John D. Stevens as surties in  
\$33.33 each - Abner Miller R. as  
Prin. in \$66.66 2/3 & John D. Sturges & Jamin  
Fairman as surties in \$33.33 each -  
Oliver Baker R. in \$66.66 2/3 as Prin. &  
Rodolphus Smith & Rodney Day as  
surties in \$33.33 each - Theodore Palmer  
R. in \$66.66 2/3 as Prin. & Horsey Pease and  
Amosa Parsons as surties in \$33.33 each  
"James Bagg R. as Prin. in \$66.66 2/3  
and Horsey Pease & Amosa Parsons  
as surties in \$33.33 each -  
Mortan King R. as Prin. in \$66.66 2/3  
and Carlo Smith & Mosca Day as surties  
in \$33.33 each -  
Springfield - Jeremy Worin R.  
in \$66.66 2/3 as Prin. & Rupell Hawley &  
John L. Timber as surties in \$33.33 each  
Thaddeus C. Eaton R. in \$66.66 2/3 as  
Prin. & Willis Phelps & Seth Taylor as  
surties in \$33.33 each -  
George Castlehouse R. in \$66.66 2/3  
as Prin. & Thos. Sargeant & Henry Sargeant as  
surties in \$33.33 each - Horsey Choppin  
R. as Prin. in \$66.66 2/3 & George Ashman &  
Chas. Howard as surties in \$33.33 each  
Nathaniel B. Moseley R. in \$66.66 2/3 as  
Prin. & Stephen O. Russell & Edward F. Moseley  
as surties in \$33.33 each - John L. Smith  
R. as Prin. in \$66.66 2/3 & John S. Choffee &  
Morvin B. Avery as surties in \$33.33 each  
Eben. Russell R. in \$66.66 2/3 as Prin. &  
Henry Stevens & Wm. H. Foster as surties in \$33.33 each  
Hessey Adams R. as Prin. in \$66.66 2/3  
& Alonzo Wait & Thaddeus C. Eaton as  
surties in \$33.33 each



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Southwold - Annholders Licensed to sell Spirits & duty  
 Enoch Doore R. in \$6666 2/3 as prin &  
 Elias Winkell & Symon Lewis as sureties in  
 in \$333 1/3 each - Clinton D. Cannon  
 R. in \$6666 2/3 as prin & Elisha Steer & Mijoh  
 Taylor as sureties in \$333 1/3 each -

Westfield - Noah Cloth R. in \$6666 2/3 as prin & Tho?  
 Bradley & Charles P. Cloth as sureties in \$333 1/3  
 each - Charles P. Cloth R. in \$6666 2/3  
 as prin & Noah Cloth & Thos. Bradley as sureties  
 in \$333 1/3 each - Charles R. Bingham  
 R. in \$6666 2/3 as prin & Noah Cloth and  
 Charles P. Cloth as sureties in \$333 1/3 each  
 Loring Lane R. in \$6666 2/3 as prin and  
 Charles R. Bingham & Noah Cloth as  
 sureties in \$333 1/3 each -  
 Thomas Loomis R. in \$6666 2/3 as prin  
 & Elijah Arnold & James Loomis as  
 sureties in \$333 1/3 each

Annholders without Spirits

Brimfield - Schobed Bliss R. in \$6666 2/3 Joel  
 Miller & Amos Parsons as sureties  
 in \$333 1/3 each

Retailers Licensed to sell Spirits duty \$5

Blandford - Symon Gibbs R. in \$6666 2/3 as prin  
 Omis Sage & Eli Knox as sureties in \$333 1/3  
 each - Luther Laffin R. as prin in \$6666 2/3 &  
 Harmon Booth & Elijah C. Babcock as  
 sureties in \$333 1/3 each

Brimfield - Thomas Charles R. in \$6666 2/3 as prin &  
 David M. Moore & Joseph B. Browning Jr.  
 as sureties in \$333 1/3 each -  
 John Bliss R. in \$6666 2/3 as prin & Eben?  
 Russell & Joel Miller as sureties in \$333 1/3 each  
 Ebenezer Williams R. as prin in \$6666 2/3  
 and Loring Wales & James W. Hale as sureties in  
 \$333 1/3 each

Chester - Daniel Collins Jr. R. in \$6666 2/3 as prin  
 & Son? Monson & Symon M. Elder as sureties  
 in \$333 1/3 each -

Granville - Elijah Seymour R. as prin in \$6666 2/3 & P. Boice  
 & J. Eooly as sureties in \$333 1/3 each  
 Joel Root R. in \$6666 2/3 as prin & J. Eooly & E. E. E.  
 Symon as sureties in \$333 1/3 each - W. H. Squire R.  
 in \$6666 2/3 as prin & E. Phelps & Lewis Parsons as  
 sureties in \$333 1/3 each - Lewis Parsons R.  
 as prin in \$6666 2/3 & E. Phelps & W. H. Squire as sureties  
 in \$333 1/3 each

Retailers Licensed to sell Spirits

Granville - Timothy M. Eooly 2<sup>d</sup> R. as prin  
 in \$6666 2/3 and E. Phelps & Lewis Parsons as  
 sureties in \$333 1/3 each -

Sudlow - Ely Fuller R. in \$6666 2/3  
 as prin & Simon Pease & Theodore Sikes as  
 sureties in \$333 1/3 each -

Monson - Timothy Packard R. in \$6666 2/3 as prin  
 and Amos Norrop & Loring as sureties in \$333 1/3 each  
 Rufus Hynt R. in \$6666 2/3 as prin & James H. Holid  
 Richard D. Morris as sureties in \$333 1/3 each

Palmer - James W. Hale R. as prin in \$6666 2/3 & Rufus  
 Hynt & Richard D. Morris as sureties in \$333 1/3 each  
 Amos Hamilton R. in \$6666 2/3

as prin & P. Russell & Thos. Glover as sureties in  
 \$333 1/3 each - P. Russell R. as prin in  
 \$6666 2/3 and Amos Hamilton & Thos. Glover as sureties  
 in \$333 1/3 each -

Thophilus H. Knight R. in  
 in \$6666 2/3 as prin & Franklin Morgan & P. Russell  
 as sureties in \$333 1/3 each -

Emelius Bond R. as prin in \$6666 2/3 &  
 Elijah C. Babcock & Abijah Hyde as sureties  
 in \$333 1/3 each -

Russell - John L. Fisher R. in  
 \$6666 2/3 as prin & Jeremy Worthington and  
 Russell Hawley as sureties in \$333 1/3 each

Wales - Elijah C. Babcock R. as prin  
 in \$6666 2/3 & Loring Wales & Harvey Chopin  
 as sureties in \$333 1/3 each -

Oliver Wales R. in \$6666 2/3 as prin & Elijah C.  
 Babcock & John as sureties in \$333 1/3 each

Longmeadow - Seth Taylor R. in \$6666 2/3  
 as prin & Simon Pease & Willis Phelps as sureties  
 in \$333 1/3 each - William White R. as prin  
 in \$6666 2/3 & Francis Burr & Seth Taylor as  
 sureties in \$333 1/3 each -

Francis Burr R. in \$6666 2/3 as prin and  
 Seth Taylor & W. White as sureties in \$333 1/3 each

Wilbroughham - Pliny Godwell R. in  
 \$6666 2/3 as prin & W. E. E. Thos. Glover as  
 sureties in \$333 1/3 each - Henry Glover R. in  
 \$6666 2/3 as prin & Pliny Godwell & Thos. Glover  
 as sureties in \$333 1/3 each -

William Clark R. in \$6666 2/3 as prin and  
 Pliny Godwell & Henry Glover as sureties in  
 \$333 1/3 each -

Jonathan S. Choffe R. in \$6666 2/3 as prin  
 and Marvin B. Avery & John Smith as  
 sureties in \$333 1/3 each



Retailers Licensed to sell Spirits duty \$5-

West Springfield - Eben. Brooks & R. in \$666 2/3 as prin  
and Fred. Ely & Amos Allen & surties in \$333 1/3 each -  
Frederick Ely & R. in \$666 2/3 & Amos Allen & Eben.  
Brooks & surties in \$333 1/3 each - A. B. Whitman  
Rec. as prin in \$666 2/3 & Symon M. Elder & Horron Cloth  
as surties in \$333 1/3 each - Harvey Root Rec. in \$666 2/3  
as prin & William Rice & Amosa Parsons as surties in  
\$333 1/3 each - Elias Winchell Rec. in \$666 2/3 &  
prin & Enoch Doane & Symon Lewis as surties in  
\$333 1/3 each

Springfield - David M. Bryant Rec. in \$666 2/3 as  
prin and Wm. Dwight & David M. Moore as surties in  
\$333 1/3 each - David M. Moore Rec. in \$666 2/3 & Wm.  
Dwight & David M. Bryant as surties in \$333 1/3 each -

Elisha Gunn Rec. as prin in \$666 2/3 & Morvin B. Avery  
& Sam. B. Huntington as surties in \$333 1/3 each

Morvin B. Avery Rec. as prin in \$666 2/3 & Samuel B.  
Huntington & Elisha Gunn as surties in \$333 1/3 each

Samuel B. Huntington Rec. in \$666 2/3 as prin &  
Morvin B. Avery & Elisha Gunn as surties in \$333 1/3 each

Elisha Edwards Rec. in \$666 2/3 as prin & Theodore Bliss  
& James W. Crooks as surties in \$333 1/3 each - Theodore Bliss

Rec. in \$666 2/3 as prin & Elisha Edwards & James W. Crooks  
as surties in \$333 1/3 each - Wells Southworth Rec. in \$666 2/3

as prin & George L. Shuman & Wm. Ferry as surties in \$333 1/3 each

Henry Stems Rec. as prin in \$666 2/3 & John Ingersoll  
Justice Willard as surties in \$333 1/3 each -

Daniel C. Brewer Rec. as prin in \$666 2/3 & R. D. Morris  
& Amosa Parsons surties in \$333 1/3 each -

Edward The Mosley Rec. in \$666 2/3 as prin & Nath. B.  
Mosley & Stephen O. Russell as surties in \$333 1/3 each

Thornes Worner Rec. in \$666 2/3 as prin & Aaron  
Jepson & Stephen O. Russell as surties in \$333 1/3 each

Jonathon Bongs Rec. as prin in \$666 2/3 & William  
Rice & Henry Stobbins as surties in \$333 1/3 each

Charles J. Upham Rec. as prin in \$666 2/3 & Elisha  
Edwards & Morvin B. Avery as surties in \$333 1/3 each

Henry Brewer Rec. in \$666 2/3 as prin & Benj. Phelps & Rufus  
Simes as surties in \$333 1/3 each - Francis M. Casew Rec.

as prin in \$666 2/3 & Elisha Edwards & Charles J. Upham as  
surties in \$333 1/3 each - Dwight Smith Rec. as prin

in \$666 2/3 & Joseph Lombard & Thaddeus C. Eaton as  
surties in \$333 1/3 each - Lester Phelps Rec. as prin in

\$666 2/3 & Justice Willard & Sable Rogers as surties in \$333 1/3 each

Henry Bunker Rec. as prin in \$666 2/3 & Geo. W. Gallender  
& Ralph Bliss as surties in \$333 1/3 each

Retailers Licensed to sell Spirit

Westfield - Symon Lewis Rec. in \$666 2/3

as prin & Enoch Doane & Elias Winchell as  
surties in \$333 1/3 each - Matthew Joes Rec.

as prin in \$666 2/3 & Elijah Arnold & Colbe  
Chamberlain as surties in \$333 1/3 each -

Colbe Chamberlain Rec. in \$666 2/3 as  
prin & Elijah Arnold & Matthew Joes in

\$333 1/3 each as surties - Elijah Arnold  
Rec. in \$666 2/3 as prin & Matthew Joes &

Colbe Chamberlain as surties in \$333 1/3 each

Samuel F. Reed Rec. as prin in \$666 2/3  
and Lister Gibbs & Justin Loomis as surties  
in \$333 1/3 each -

Retailers Without Spirits

Blanford - Orrin Sage Rec. as prin  
in \$666 2/3 & Symon Gibbs & Eli Knox

as surties in \$333 1/3 each -

Chester - Daniel Monson Rec.  
in \$666 2/3 as prin & Symon M. Elder &

Daniel Collins Jun. as surties in \$333 1/3 each

Ludlow - Harmon Booth Rec.  
in \$666 2/3 as prin & Ben. Bontecout

Jonathon Hunt as surties in \$333 1/3 each

West Springfield - Charles Ely Rec.  
as prin in \$666 2/3 & Jonathon Hunt

& Amosa Parsons as surties in \$333 1/3 each



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- Joel Root Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License to retail in The Town of Granville. and after full hearing upon said petition it is ordered by The County Commissioners that the prayer of said petition be granted —
- Loring Wales Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License as an Innholder in The Town of Wales as on file after a full hearing upon said petition it is ordered by The County Commissioners that the prayer of said petition be not granted —
- Hitchcock — Eaten Hitchcock Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License as an Innholder in The Town of Wales as on file after a full hearing upon said petition it is ordered by The County Commissioners that the prayer of said petition be granted —
- Fuller — Ely Fuller Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License as an Innholder & a Retailer in The Town of Ludlow as on file — and after a full hearing upon said Pet<sup>n</sup> it is ordered by the County Commissioners that the prayer of said petition be granted —
- T. Sikes — Theodore Sikes Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License as an Innholder in The Town of Ludlow as on file — and after a full hearing upon said petition it is ordered by the County Commissioners that the prayer of said petition be not granted —
- Bryant — David M. Bryant Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License as a Retailer of Spirits in The Town of Springfield as on file — and after a full hearing upon said Pet<sup>n</sup> it is ordered by the County Commissioners that the prayer of said petition be granted —
- Moore — David M. Moore Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License to retail spirits in The Town of Springfield as on file — and after a full hearing upon said petition it is ordered by the County Commissioners that the prayer of said petition be granted —
- Avery — Norvin Avery Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License to retail in The Town of Springfield as on file and after a full hearing upon said petition it is ordered by The County Commissioners that the prayer of said petition be granted —
- Upham — Charles J. Upham Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License to retail in The Town of Springfield as on file it is ordered by the County Commissioners after a full hearing upon said petition that the prayer of said petition be granted —
- Gunn — Elisha Gunn Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License to retail in The Town of Springfield as on file and after a full hearing upon said petition it is ordered by the County Commissioners that the prayer of said petition be granted —
- Carew — Francis M. Carew Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License to Retail in The Town of Springfield as on file — and after a full hearing upon said Petition it is ordered by the County Commissioners that the prayer of said petition be granted —
- Bliss — Theodore Bliss Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License as a Retailer in The Town of Springfield as on file — and after a full hearing upon said petition it is ordered by the County Commissioners that the prayer of said petition be granted —
- E. Edwards — Elisha Edwards Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License as a Retailer in The Town of Springfield as on file — and after a full hearing upon said petition it is ordered by the County Commissioners that the prayer of said petition be granted —



Henry Brewer Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License to Retail in The Town of Springfield as on file - & after a full H. Brewer  
hearing upon said petition it is ordered by The County Commissioners that the prayer thereof be granted

Wells Southworth Pet<sup>n</sup> for a license to Retail in The Town of Springfield as on file and Southworth  
after a full hearing upon said petition it is ordered by The County Commissioners that the  
prayer thereof be granted -

Henry Storns Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License to retail in The Town of Springfield as on file H. Storns  
and after a full hearing upon said petition it is ordered by The County Commissioners  
that the prayer thereof be granted

George Gardner Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License to Retail in The Town of Springfield as on file Geo. Gardner  
and after a full hearing upon said petition it is ordered by The County Commissioners  
that the prayer thereof be granted -

Erza Kimberly Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License to retail in The Town of Springfield as on file - E. Kimberly  
and after a full hearing upon said petition it is ordered that the prayer thereof be not granted

Cullen Vining Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License to keep a Tavern in The Town of Ludlow as on file C. Vining  
and after a full hearing upon said petition it is ordered that the prayer thereof be not granted

Lester Phelps Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License to Retail in the Town of Springfield as on file Lester Phelps  
and after a full hearing upon said petition it is ordered that the prayer thereof be granted

Henry L. Bunker Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License to retail in the Town of Springfield as on file H. L. Bunker  
and after a full hearing upon said Pet<sup>n</sup> it is ordered that the prayer thereof be granted -

Daniel C. Brewer Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License to retail in The Town of Springfield as on file D. C. Brewer  
and after a full hearing upon said petition it is ordered that the prayer thereof be granted

William H. Squire Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License to Retail <sup>for a Tavern</sup> in The Town of Granville as on file W. H. Squire  
and after a full hearing upon said petition it is ordered that the prayer thereof be granted

Lewis S. Parsons Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License to retail in The Town of Granville as on file and L. S. Parsons  
after a full hearing upon said Petition it is ordered that the prayer thereof be granted

Edward F. Mosley Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License to retail in The Town of Springfield as on file E. F. Mosley  
and after a full hearing upon said petition it is ordered that the prayer thereof be granted

Thomas Warner Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License to retail in The Town of Springfield as on file Thos. Warner  
and after a full hearing upon said Pet<sup>n</sup> it is ordered that the prayer thereof be granted

Jonathan Bangs Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License to retail in The Town of Springfield as on file Jon<sup>s</sup> Bangs  
and after a full hearing upon said Pet<sup>n</sup> it is ordered that the prayer thereof be granted

Charles Phelps Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License to retail <sup>for a Tavern</sup> in The Town of Granville as on file & after a full C. Phelps  
hearing upon said Pet<sup>n</sup> it is ordered that the prayer thereof be granted -

Samuel M. Cooley Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License to Retail in The Town of Granville as on file - and after a full S. M. Cooley  
upon said Pet<sup>n</sup> it is ordered that the prayer thereof be granted

Dwight Smith Pet<sup>n</sup> for a License to Retail in The Town of Springfield as on file & after a full D. Smith  
hearing upon said Pet<sup>n</sup> it is ordered that the prayer thereof be granted -



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Accounts  
Allowed

The following Accounts against the County of Hampden were prepared & and allowed by the County Commissioners & ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury

Caleb Price for serving orders of Notice de corp. bill on file	\$9.20
Callender & Hirsthorn for Record Books &c p <sup>r</sup> . bill "	22.52
Henry Harris for Sperm Candles de corp. bill	3.04
Reuben A. Chapman for fuel on p <sup>r</sup> . of sh <sup>ts</sup> of Milbrooken	35.00
Henry Dwight for Notice de corp. bill	3.40
Orange Chopin for surveying Mohawk Street	1.00
Abraham G. Tannott for Adv <sup>ce</sup> . Notices de p <sup>r</sup> . bill	8.50
George Colton for surveying Roads de corp. bill	12.00
James Chopin for wood for Court House de corp. bill	5.96
Amosa Parsons Attend <sup>g</sup> Court sweeping Court House &c	10.50
John Ingersoll for Rounding &c de corp. bill	26.03
Harvey Chopin for dictating Prisoners in Jail, Key for &c	435.97
	<u>\$573.92</u>

Hampden p<sup>r</sup>. Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1831 all matters not acted upon remain open to be acted upon at the adjourned meeting and this meeting is adjourned to Tuesday the Eighteenth day of October at 10 O'clock in the forenoon

Attest John Ingersoll Clerk

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden p<sup>r</sup>. At a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the third Tuesday of October being the Eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty one by adjournment from the first Tuesday of said October —

Present

William Bliss Esqr Chairman  
Joel Norriss Esqr 2 Commissioners —  
Reuben Boies Jun<sup>r</sup> Esqr

Accounts  
Allowed

The following accounts against the County were prepared & allowed by the County Commissioners at the above meeting & ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury

Thomas H. Porter for work, Lime &c de corp. bill	\$23.64
Charles Douglas fees as Com <sup>r</sup> of Highways 1828 p <sup>r</sup> . bill	5.00
Roswell Lornboud for Cushions for jury seats	42.41
Theodore Bliss for Hemlock plank & board	4.41
Caleb Price as Com <sup>r</sup> of Highways 1828 p <sup>r</sup> . bill	3.60
Frestus Stebbins for man steered to cart gravel for C <sup>t</sup> house	1.25
Rodolphus Smith for boards de corp. bill	5.23
Amosa Parsons Attending Court	3.00
Samuel Bowles for Advertising Notices on p <sup>r</sup> . for roads &c	25.75
Ebene <sup>r</sup> & Russell for Common Inquest on Infant Child	9.02
	<u>\$123.31</u>

Hampden p<sup>r</sup>. Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 1831 This meeting is adjourned without day all matters not acted upon being continued

Attest John Ingersoll Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December being the twenty seventh day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty one and from day to day to the 28<sup>th</sup> day of said month

Present

William Bliss Esq. Chairman  
Joel Norwys Esq. } Commissioners  
Reuben Boies Jr. Esq. }

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, Selectmen  
Respectfully represent the Selectmen of the Town of Wilbraham in said County of Wilbraham  
that by two former orders of this board the said Town was required to make two Pot. for further  
highways laid out on the petition of Reuben A. Chapman & others and time to make  
Amos Pease & others by the first day of November 1830. that they feeling aggrieved Roads  
thereby applied for a jury & afterwards for a writ of Certiorari from the Superior  
Judicial Court which writ having been on recent trial refused the Selectmen  
of said Town have issued their warrant for a meeting of the Inhabitants thereof on  
the 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. instant to take measures to construct said roads - that while said  
proceedings were pending they could not in justice to themselves construct the  
roads and they had good reason to believe that they should not be obliged event-  
ually to make them they therefore pray that such further time may be  
allowed them to construct said roads as will enable them to do it without great  
unnecessary expense, and will give them the benefits of suitable seasons  
of the year to construct them in such manner as to be substantially permanent  
Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 1831 By order of Selectmen of Wilbraham - Abraham Avery Chairman  
This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden by  
adjournment on the third Tuesday of October last past & continued to this meeting  
and now it is ordered that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and that the  
time for completing the road referred to in the petition be extended to the  
first day of July A.D. 1832 -

Frederick Strong is licensed as a Pretailer in the Town of West Springfield - Licenses  
It appearing to the Commissioners that the necessity for license has taken place  
since the last term of this Court and that public good requires that the same  
should be granted - the same is granted - Frederick Strong as prin. R. in 6666 2/3  
& Hosea Day & Amasa Parsons as sureties in \$3333 1/3 each

Austin Chapin is licensed as a Taverner in the Town of Springfield  
It appearing to the County Commissioners that the said Austin Chapin was  
unavoidably prevented from appearing at the last term of this Court to take  
license it is hereby ordered that license be granted - Austin Chapin as prin.  
R. in 6666 2/3 & Eben<sup>r</sup> Russell & Bury<sup>r</sup> Phelps as sureties in \$3333 1/3 each -

Edward J. Wade is licensed as a Pretailer in Chester -  
It appearing to the Commissioners that the said Edward J. Wade was unavoidably  
prevented from making application for license at the last term of this Court  
It is hereby ordered that the same be granted - Edward J. Wade as prin. R.  
in 6666 2/3 & Horner Foot & Charles Mann as sureties in \$3333 1/3 each -



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Licenses

Proswell King is Licensed as a Taverner in the Town of Westfield —  
 Appearing to the Commissioners that the said Proswell King was unavoidably prevented from making application for license at the last term of the Court  
 It is hereby ordered that the same be granted Proswell King as prior Prey in \$666 2/3 and Thaddeus N. Sches & David Bill as sureties in \$333 1/3 each

Sumner Chapin is Licensed as Taverner in Springfield —  
 Appearing to the Commissioners that the necessity for a license has taken place since the last term of this Court and that public good requires that license should be granted — It is hereby ordered that the same be granted Sumner Chapin as prior Prey in the sum of \$666 2/3 & Chester W. Chapin & Christopher Robbins as sureties in the sum of \$333 1/3 each.

Road on Pet<sup>n</sup> of Lewis Worner The County Commissioners having viewed the Road laid out upon the  
 of Lewis Worner Petition of Lewis Worner & others in the Town of West Springfield do accept the  
 do this August 1st same as made & have given a certificate thereof & ordered the sum of Sixty  
 as made Dollars to be paid from the County Treasury to the said Town of West Springfield  
 being one third of the estimated expense of making said road —

Estimate of The following Estimate of the County expenditures for the year 1832  
 The County tax is made by The County Commissioners the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of December 1831  
 for 1832 — and consists of the following items (viz)

Grand Jurors bills	\$500.00
Trover & do do	800.00
Vanises	130.00
Sheriff Depts Sheriffs & Constables	300.00
Coroners fees for Inquisitions	50.00
Books & papers for Public Offices	100.00
Repairs of County Buildings wood &c	250.00
Feeding Prisoners in jail &c	1200.00
Clerks Bill	50.00
County Commissioners Bill	500.00
Expense of Highways, Damages &c	4000.00
For balance of expense of constructing addition to jail	700.00
For mending Indies to books of Record by August 1st	300.00
For County Bridges	200.00
From the above deduct the amount received by County Treasurers in fines, duties &c &c	8000.00
Estimated at	2000.00
whole tax	6000.00

William Bluff } County  
 Joel Norris } Commissioners —  
 Reuben Boies }



The following accounts have been examined Allowed by the County Commissioners  
and by them ordered to be paid from the County Treasury Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 1831

Accounts  
Allowed

Samuel Lathrop Services &c on Mandamus or by bill — \$24.00  
Caleb Rice serving Notices — 0.02  
John B. Eldridge printing O. Poshes Pat. & order — 3.50  
William Rice in part of Contract for Indep to Records 20 Vols 200.00  
Elisha Edwards — 14.00  
Amasa Parsons — 4.00  
David Paine for part of Commission on receipts of Expenditures  
from March 17<sup>th</sup> 1830 to June 20<sup>th</sup> 1830 Acting Treasurer omitted  
at last general settlement now allowing Comm<sup>n</sup> equal to  
those allowed to E. Pyncheon Esqr — 50.04  
David Paine Com<sup>n</sup> or Treasurer of said County Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> 1831 — 371.35

William Bliss } County  
Joel Norrups } Commissioners  
Reuben Boies Jr }

In Conformity to a Resolve of the General Court passed March 9<sup>th</sup> 1832 granting  
a tax of Six Thousand Dollars for the County of Hampden the same is  
apportioned on the several Towns in said County in manner following

Apportionment  
of  
County tax  
for 1832

Blondford — \$307.91.3  
Brimfield — 352.63.7  
Chester — 218.46.3  
Granville — 268.34.0  
Holland — 80.85.0  
Ludlow — 256.30.7  
Longmeadow — 271.70.9  
Montgomery — 86.01.0  
Monson — 423.16.5  
Palmer — 233.94.5  
Pittsfield — 77.40.9  
Southwick — 242.54.6  
Springfield — 1396.70.0  
Tolland — 122.13.3  
West Springfield — 691.51.3  
Westfield — 519.49.5  
Wales — 115.25.3  
Wilbraham — 335.43.6  
\$6000.00.0

And Warrants have issued dated April 12<sup>th</sup> 1832 directed to the Selectmen or  
Assessors of the several Towns in said County directing them to assess the  
same on the Inhabitants of their respective Towns & requiring their  
respective Constables or Collectors to Collect & pay the same to David Paine  
County Treasurer his Assignor or Order by the fifteenth day of August  
next ensuing or the Law directs —

John Ingersoll Clerk

Hampden Co Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 1831 All matters not acted upon are ordered to be  
continued to the next meeting & this meeting is adjourned without day

Attest John Ingersoll Clerk



## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. A meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April being the tenth day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two and from day to day to the twelfth day of said month

## Present

William Bliss Esq. Chairman  
 Joel Norcross Esq. } Commissioners  
 Reuben Boies Jr. Esq. }

Collister  
 Pet: for a jury

To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Humbly shews John F. Collister of Blanford in said County, that on the fourth day of November last past the Selectmen of the Town of Blanford aforesaid within the limits of district No. 6. in said town laid out a town or private way for the use of the Inhabitants of said town beginning about four rods north of the Wheeler Brook in said Collister interval thence South thirty two degrees west twenty seven rods five links thence South forty five degrees west twenty rods on land owned by said Collister thence South fifty three degrees west thirty four rods & eight links of which twenty five rods are on land of said Collister that the Selectmen of said town reported their doings thereafter to the Inhabitants of said town at a legal meeting thereof who refused to accept the doings of said Selectmen in laying out of the above described road whereupon a petition & representation was made to the County Commissioners within & for said County of Hampden setting forth that the Inhabitants of Blanford aforesaid had unreasonably refused to ratify the doings of their said Selectmen in the laying out of said road and praying that said Commissioners view the premises & order the same to be established as a town way upon which petition & representation the Commissioners aforesaid after giving due notice to all parties in interest meeting & hearing them accepted & approved of said road as laid out by said Selectmen and ordered the same to be recorded in the town books of said town of Blanford according to law whereby the same became & now is a legal town way - And the said John F. Collister further complains that he is the owner as above stated of the land over which said road is laid and that he is greatly injured by the location & establishing of said road and that no damages have been agreed upon by said town or their agents & himself - Wherefore the said John F. Collister prays that a jury may be allowed him for the purpose of assessing such damages as he has sustained by the locating & establishing of said road agreeably to the Statute in such case made & provided dated at Blanford this the twenty second day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty -

John F. Collister -

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1830 and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting - And now it is ordered by said Commissioners that the same be dismissed



To the Gentlemen Commissioners for the County of Hampshire —  
The undersigned Inhabitants of Westfield in said County would respectfully represent that the highway in front of the place belonging to the heirs of James Morse and the building or place purchased by Mathew Ives Junr. of the heirs of said Morse on the corner East of the Green is such that it is impossible to have straight lines we therefore request that you would alter or discontinue so much of said road as that there may be a straight line to range with the new building erected by Simeon Collins & Erastus Grant near the Canal Basin — and also a straight line with the stores South of said corner to the meeting house and as in duty bound will pray — Westfield April 12<sup>th</sup> 1831 —

Erastus Grant & others

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April A.D. 1831 and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and now it is ordered by said Commissioners that the same be dismissed

Leonard B. Wight is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Wobles at the place mentioned in the approbation on file —

Licenses  
Granted

Thomas Bradley is Licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Blanford at the place mentioned in the approbation on file

Silas Dewey is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of West Springfield at the place mentioned in the approbation on file

Syaron Smith is Licensed as an Innholder & Retailer in the Town of Westfield at the place mentioned in the approbation on file

Baxter Wood is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Holland at the place mentioned in the approbation on file

Elbridge G. Fuller is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Holland at the place mentioned in the approbation on file

Thomas Hubbard Junr. is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Brimfield at the place mentioned in the approbation on file

Stephen O. Prupell is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Springfield at the place mentioned in the approbation on file

Misajoh Taylor is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Westfield at the place mentioned in the approbation on file

Mathew Ives Junr. is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Westfield at the place mentioned in the approbation on file

Enoch Holcomb is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Westfield at the place mentioned in the approbation on file

Jaimin M. Fairfield is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of West Springfield at the place mentioned in the approbation on file

Arnold Woodworth is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of West Springfield at the place mentioned in the approbation on file

David Graham is licensed as an Innholder in Palmer at the place mentioned in the approbation on file

Joel Norrop Esq. is appointed an agent on behalf of the County Commissioners to contract for the building of a bridge over Chicopee River near the house of Capt. Jesse King in Palmer conformable with a plan so heretofore exhibited to the Commissioners

Agent to  
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Accounts  
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The following Accounts against the County of Hampden were preferred & Allowed  
by the County Commissioners & ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury —  
David Paine money paid for paper & Copy of Treas<sup>r</sup> Account \$27.50  
William Rice for making Indep<sup>t</sup> Records — 100.00  
Thomas Dickerson forream of Paper — 4.25  
Timothy Packard fees as Witness in Case of Inhab<sup>t</sup> of Wilburton Post<sup>n</sup> — 4.60  
Caleb Rice, distributing Pradomations Blanket for jail &c — 6.00  
John Ingersoll Cost & fees Out allowed, Vmms &c for bill — 13.13  
James S. Dwight Sundries for jail — 40.53  
Callender & Kitchum for Duells Record books &c — 5.63  
Martin D. Graves for glass setting & painting — 2.61  
James Brewer for Sundries for jail as per bill — 37.20  
John B. Eldridge for publishing Abstracts &c per bill — 4.00  
Abraham G. Sannett for Advertising Abstracts &c per bill — 4.50  
Justice Willard for Bowls, Sannett & Murriam & settle bills — 41.70  
Samuel Bowles bill for Advertising Adj. meeting Com<sup>rs</sup> &c — 5.00  
Amasa Parsons, Sawing & carrying up wood, taking care  
of Court House Choning Horse pipes & attending Court &c — 10.46  
Harvey Chapin for dicting Prisoners in jail, hay &c — 599.00  
\$903.19

Hampden Co. April 12<sup>th</sup> 1832 All matters not acted upon are continued  
and this meeting is adjourned to the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May next at one of the  
Clock in the afternoon —

Attest John Ingersoll Clerk

In conformity to a resolve of the General Court passed Jan<sup>y</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1833 granting a tax of  
Six thousand Dollars for the County of Hampden the same is apportioned upon the several  
Towns in s<sup>d</sup> County in manner following —

Blondford \$307.91.3  
Brimfield — 352.63.7  
Cheshire — 210.46.3  
Granville — 268.34.8  
Holland — 80.85.0  
Leedlow — 256.30.7  
Longmeadow 271.70.9  
Mortgomery — 86.01.0  
Monson — 423.16.5  
Palmer — 233.94.5  
Russell — 77.40.9  
Southwick 242.54.6  
Springfield — 1396.70.0  
Tolland — 122.13.3  
West Springfield — 691.51.3  
Westfield — 519.49.5

And warrants have issued dated Feb<sup>y</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1833

Wales — 115.25.3 directed to the Selectmen or Assessors of the several  
Towns in s<sup>d</sup> County directing them to Assess the  
same upon the Inhabitants of their respective Towns & requiring their respective Collectors or  
Constables to collect & pay the same to David Paine Esq County Treas<sup>r</sup> his receipt as &c  
by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August next ensuing as the Law Directs  
John Ingersoll Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on Monday the fourteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirty two, at one of the Clock in the afternoon, by adjournment from the second Tuesday of April last past.

Present

William Bliss Esq. Chairman  
Joel Norcross Esq. } Commissioners  
Reuben Boies Jr. Esq. }

Samuel Herry is Licensed to keep a tavern in the Town of Springfield, at the place known by name of the Springfield Hotel

Licenses  
Granted

Justin Loomis Licensed to keep a tavern, in the Town of Russell at the place known by the name of the Dootittle place.

Ordered that the County be divided in Jury Districts in manner following: -  
The Town of Springfield & Ludlow to compose the first District - Longmeadow  
West Springfield & Westfield to compose the second District - Wilbraham  
Monson, Palmer, Brimfield, Holland & Wales to compose the third district - Blandford  
Granville, Southwick, Tolland, Chester, Russell & Montgomery to compose the fourth District. -

Jury Districts

Hampden ss. May 19<sup>th</sup> 1832. This meeting is adjourned without day  
Attest John Ingersoll Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of June being the 26<sup>th</sup> day of said month in the year of our Lord, One thousand Eight hundred & thirty two & from day to day to the 27<sup>th</sup> of said month -

Present

William Bliss Esq. Chairman  
Joel Norcross Esq. } Commissioners  
Reuben Boies Jr. Esq. }

To the Commissioners for the County of Hampden, Your Petitioner Martin Tinkers would respectfully represent, that he petitioned your Hon<sup>ble</sup> board on the second day, P<sup>et</sup> for a Jury May, Eighteen hundred and twenty eight for a Jury to be ordered & summoned agreeably to law to assess the damage between him & the Hampshire & Hampden Canal Co. for locating a feeder for said Canal over your Petitioner's land, & that his petition was granted, & a warrant was issued on the twenty third day of September, last past directed to the Sheriff of the County of Hampden or either of his Deputies in said County which was afterwards delivered to David A. Murwin then & long before & ever since a Deputy Sheriff in said County who summoned a Jury to meet on the thirtieth day of October last past at the house of your petitioner in Westfield in said County, the Jury having met agreeable to said summons, proceeded to view & estimate the damage done your petitioner by the location of said feeder & on the same thirtieth day of October, gave a verdict in writing, that the damage done to your Petitioner by the said company in locating said feeder across his land was eighty six dollars, which verdict was returned to the then next Court of Common Pleas in said County and a motion made for the acceptance of said verdict to said Court, said Court refused to accept

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said verdict upon the ground of informality, because the warrant was directed and the Jury summoned by a Deputy Sheriff. Your petitioner would therefore request you to issue a new warrant, directed to a proper Officer to summon a Jury to assess the damage done your petitioner by locating the great river feeder of the Hampshire & Hampden Canal.

Martin Tricker. by his attorney  
Eli B. Hamilton

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of April A.D. 1829. and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now neither party appears —

Wm. H. Squires To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at their next Court to be holden at Springfield in said County — We the subscribers inhabitants of Granville, Blandford & Tolland in the County of Hampden, & Otis in the County of Berkshire, respectfully represent, that an alteration in the County road from Hartford to Albany leading through said towns is much required by the public. In their opinion would much subserve their interest both as respects shortening the distance and saving hills which encumber the present route. — said alterations to commence near the meeting House in the Middle Parish in Granville, to run northwesterly to Curtis Brook, so called, thence to continue in the course of said road through the above named towns to Otis line. We therefore pray that the said hon. Commissioners would view said route and lay out & establish said alterations on such part of them as they may think fit & proper — and in duty bound will ever pray

Dated at Granville

this 13<sup>th</sup> April 1831

(Signed) Wm. H. Squire & others

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June 1831. On the petition aforesaid, ordered that said Commissioners will meet at the house of Wm. H. Squires in Granville on the twenty fourth day of August at eight o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerks of Granville, Blandford & Tolland each with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in each of said Towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting — The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with your doings, to Reuben Boris Jr. one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting. Wm. Bliss Chairman

Hampden ss. July 12<sup>th</sup> 1831. In obedience to the foregoing order, I served the Town Clerks of Granville & Tolland each with an attested copy of the above petition & order thereon & also posted up in two public places in each of said Towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition — and on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 1831 I served the Town Clerk of Blandford with an attested copy of said petition & order thereon & posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

Hampden ss. Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> 1831. The County Commissioners for the County aforesaid gave notice to all persons & corporations interested in the subject matter of the foregoing petition pursuant to the foregoing order, and caused a copy of said petition & order of notice to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication being fourteen days before the time of



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said meeting, and having this day pursuant to the said notice met all persons & corpo-  
rations known to be interested, the Commissioners proceeded to view the route for a highway  
as prayed for in said petition, and after viewing the same & hearing all persons and corpora-  
tions who wished to be heard, and having duly considered the subject, Report that in the  
opinion of said Commissioners the public convenience & necessity require that the high-  
way leading from Granville Meeting house to Otis line should be altered as follows viz)  
beginning at the road leading from said Meeting house northerly to Blandford near  
Nathan Parsons dwelling house & running northwesterly to intersect said highway as now  
travelled, at or near Curtis brook so called in said Granville, also to alter said highway  
at the hill east of the house of Alanson Hubbard in Tolland so as to lessen the descent  
of said hill or to avoid it; also to alter so as to avoid or lessen the descent of the hill  
between said Hubbard & Jm. Shepherds house; also between said Shepherds &  
Philip Haskells house in Blandford by running southerly of Stephen Babcocks  
house - all which is submitted. William Bliss

at a meeting of the C. Com<sup>rs</sup> on the first Tuesday of Oct. A.D. 1831. the  
way prayed for in the foregoing petition, was adjudged of. Comm<sup>rs</sup> convenience  
& necessity & road ordered to be laid out. Joel Kourup } County  
Reuben Boies } Commissioners

To the honorable County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at  
their next court to be holden at Springfield in said County -

We the subscribers Inhabitants of Granville, Blandford & Tolland in the County  
of Hampden & Otis in the County of Berkshire, respectfully represent that an attention  
in the County road from Hartford to Albany leading through said towns is much  
required by the public, and in their opinion would much subserve their interests both  
as respects shortening the distance, and saving of hills which encumber the present route.  
Said alterations to commence near the meeting house in the middle Parish in Granville  
to run northwesterly to Curtis Brook so called, thence to continue in the course of  
said road through the above named towns to Otis line. - We therefore pray that  
the said hon. Commissioners would view said route and lay out & establish said alter-  
ations, or such part of them as they may think fit & proper - and in duty bound  
will ever pray -

Dated at Granville this 13<sup>th</sup> April 1831 - (signed) Wm. H. Squires & others

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County, at  
Springfield on the second Tuesday of April 1832, on the petition aforesaid, Ordered, that  
said Commissioners meet at the house of Henry W. Scott in Blandford on the seventh  
day of June at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate & estab-  
lish an highway upon the petition aforesaid; and to hear all persons & corporations inter-  
ested therein on the subject of damages - And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of  
said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerks of Blandford, Granville & Tolland  
each with an attested copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least and post  
up in two public places in said Towns respectfully, an abstract containing the substance  
of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff  
or his Deputy will make return hereof, with your doings to Reuben Boies Jr. one of  
said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting -

William Bliss Chairman

Hampden Co. April 24<sup>th</sup> 1832. Pursuant to the foregoing order I served the Town  
Clerk of Blandford with a true & attested copy of the within petition & order of notice  
by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode, & posted up in two  
public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition  
and on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April aforesaid, I served the Town Clerks of Granville and  
Tolland each with a true and attested copy of the within petition & order of notice therein



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by leaving the same at the last and usual place of abode of each of them and posted up in two public places in each of said Towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

Hampden ss. June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. The County Commissioners for the County of Hampden having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the subject matter of the foregoing petition pursuant to the foregoing order, and having caused an abstract of said petition & order of notice to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Journal, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication being fourteen days before the time of said meeting; this day pursuant to said notice met all persons & corporations that wished to be heard, and proceeded to lay out & establish certain alterations as prayed for in said petition which they report as follows viz. Beginning at a stake in the ground near the centre of the road that leads northerly from the meeting House of the Middle Parish in Granville to Blandford & a little Southerly of Land of Nathan Parsons & run thence N. 24° W. 12 r. 13 l. to a stake near a wall: thence N. 29 3/4° W. 16 r. to a stake on line between S<sup>r</sup> Parsons & Heretick Robinson: thence N. 25 1/4° W. 20 r. to a stake in a meadow: thence N. 48 1/2° W. 25 r. to a stake on the side hill: thence N. 40° W. 40 r. to a large hemlock; thence same course 16 r. to a stake and stones; thence N. 76° W. 26 r. to a hemlock near the Spring so called: thence N. 45 1/2° W. 22 r. to a chestnut, thence N. 35 1/4° W. 8 r. to a Birch thence N. 58 1/4° W. 11 r. to a Birch: thence N. 68° W. 135 r. to a poplar: thence N. 46° W. 50 r. to the old road a few rods northerly of S<sup>r</sup> Curtis brook: the line thus far was run in the centre of the road: then beginning an alteration of said road in the town of Tolland as follows viz. at a stake and stones on the easterly side of S<sup>r</sup> road a little southerly of a small brook crossing S<sup>r</sup> road & run thence N. 31 1/2° W. 23 r. to a maple tree, thence N. 31 1/4° W. 80 r. to the Chimney of Col. Hubbards house: thence N. 21° W. 34 r. to a Birch in S<sup>r</sup> Hubbards pasture: thence N. 12° W. 13 r. to a stake & stones on the line between the towns of Tolland & Blandford: thence N. 23 1/2° W. 12 r. & 18 l. to a stake: thence N. 45 1/2° W. 28 r. to south corner of Maj. Perkins house: the line on S<sup>r</sup> last alteration was run on the easterly side of the road. Then beginning another alteration in S<sup>r</sup> Blandford as follows viz. at a stake & stones on the westerly side of the road by land of the State of Connecticut and run thence N. 44 1/2° W. 92 r. to a stake at the foot of the hill Southwesterly of the house late of Stephen Babcock: thence N. 28° W. 100 r. to a stake on the westerly side of said old road: the line on S<sup>r</sup> last alteration was run on the westerly side of the road. In making the foregoing alterations we have laid the road four rods wide. We have allowed till the 1<sup>st</sup> of Nov. next for removing fences & timber from the land taken for S<sup>r</sup> road except on land of Col. Hubbard who is allowed ten years for the removal of his house & the stone wall southerly of his house. Said road is to be wrought & completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1833. Said road is to be worked, exclusive of the ditches on the sides eighteen feet for the travellers path. - stumps & stones are to be dug up & removed from the travellers path. in low & moist places the earth is to be well thrown up. - particular care should be taken to construct the road over the ledge northerly of S<sup>r</sup> Hubbards & the earth that is carried on must be well secured against washing. the bridge southerly of S<sup>r</sup> Hubbards is to be lengthened easterly six feet with a suitable inlet for the water, the earth on S<sup>r</sup> bridge is to be raised four feet and levelled off southerly - the hill northerly of said brook (where it begins to descend opposite to the Remington house) is to be cut down four feet & graded to S<sup>r</sup> bridge. - the bridge at Curtis Brook to be built of stone



raised two feet higher than the present bridge on the old road, with sufficient quantity of earth placed thereon - at said spring the road is to be constructed so to enable the owner of the Phelps' estate to take water from said Spring & so as to allow Sam<sup>l</sup> Curtis to conduct the water in pipes under the road & make a sewer for conducting it to the Southwesterly side of the road. - " We have assessed damages as follows, viz. to the State of Connecticut Ninety four Dollars: To Samuel Hinckley Seventy five Dollars: To Samuel Curtis ten dollars: To Heschiah Robinson forty five Dollars & Nathan Parsons Twenty Dollars for damage to his orchard, he relinquishing damages to his other lands. - Maj Perkins, Alanson Hubbard, Eli Phelps & his sisters Melisa, Martha & Maria Phelps whose lands were taken for said road relinquish all claims for damages - We have estimated the expense of constructing the road aforesaid laid, in the town of Granville at Five hundred dollars - in the town of Tolland at one hundred & fifty dollars - and in the town of Blandford at Two hundred & fifty Dollars: - and towards the expense of making said road we report further that there should be paid from the County Treasury whenever the road shall be constructed to the acceptance of the Commissioners the following sums viz. to Granville Two hundred and fifty Dollars - to Tolland Seventy five Dollars - to Blandford One hundred & twenty five Dollars. =

William Bliss - Seal  
Jed Norcross - Seal } County  
Reuben Boies Jr Seal } Commrs

Which Report being read and considered is accepted by the County Commissioners and ordered to be recorded.

To the road Commissioners for the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of October. Anno Domini 1831. Ladoek Bosworth's Pet<sup>n</sup> for Increase of damages.

Humbly shews Ladoek Bosworth Junr. of Westfield in said County that the Selectmen of the said Town of Westfield have laid out a town way or highway from the New Bridge now building over Great river to the road leading to Northampton over the land of your petitioner, which road was accepted at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the said Town of Westfield & your Petitioner is greatly injured by the laying of said way, & the damages allowed to your petitioner is wholly inadequate to recompense him therefor, he therefore prays that a Jury may be summoned to assess damages to him in the premises or a Committee therefor if the parties agree.

Ladoek Bosworth Junr.  
by Eli B. Hamilton his Atty

The foregoing Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1831, and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, & now neither party appears.

To the board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden at their Session April 10<sup>th</sup> 1832. Geo. Bliss & others Pet<sup>n</sup> for a

The subscribers Inhabitants of Springfield in said County represent that they & others on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March last presented to the Selectmen of said Town a petition that they would lay out a town road extending from the top of the Bank of Connecticut River in land of Charles Stearns easterly a straight course to the rear of the Bates Homestead at equal distances from the north line of the Dwight lot & the South line of the Bates lot: and from the rear of the Bates homestead the north line of said road to extend straight to main Street at a point thirty two feet northerly of the northeast corner of the said Bates Homestead



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and to lay the same three rods wide. And the said Selectmen unreasonably delayed & refused to lay out such road as before described. But the Selectmen on the second day of April instant did lay out a town way upon said petition as follows: "Beginning on the Bank of Connecticut river in land of Charles Stearns at a point equidistant from the northerly line of land formerly of Jonathan Dwight Esquire deceased & the southerly line of land formerly of Thomas Bates deceased and running eastwardly a line equi-distant from the northerly & southerly lines aforesaid to a line coinciding with the westerly side of the westernmost building of Jeremy Warriner, the line thus far to be in the middle of said road. & the road thus far to be three rods wide: - and from thence, beginning at the northwesterly corner of said building and running by the line of the northerly side of said barns to the northwesterly corner of the scitchen part of the Tavern house, & thence a straight line to the northwesterly corner of the main body of said house & then following the line of the northerly side of said house to main Street: - the s' line, to be the southerly side of that part of s' road which lies easterly of the point northerly and against said westernmost building - And for the northerly line of s' last portion of said road beginning on the westerly line of main Street at a point thirty two feet from the northeasterly corner of s' tavern house & running westerly to the northerly line of said first laid portion of s' road." And the Selectmen in their return of said laying out recommended that said town should confirm their doings therein and establish the said laying out as a town road or highway with the conditions and restrictions that the said petitioners therefor should construct said road within one year & should pay all damages occasioned by the laying out as aforesaid - And at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town holden for the purpose on the same second day of April instant the return of said laying out being laid before them the said Inhabitants then & there voted to postpone the same indefinitely. & then & there unreasonably refused to approve & allow of said road & put the same on record. By all which doings the subscribers are aggrieved - They therefore pray the County Commissioners to cause the way prayed for in said petition to be laid out according to law: or such part thereof as they shall decide the common convenience & necessity requires to be so laid out: or that they would cause the County road leading through State Street in s' Springfield to main Street at Dwight's corner to be extended to the top of the bank of Connecticut River according to the description and within the limits of said petition, & a public highway to be established on the premises or such parts thereof as they shall adjudge the common convenience & necessity require to be so laid out and established.

April 10. 1832

(Geo. Bliss &amp; others)

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April 1832. On the petition aforesaid Ordered that said Commissioners will meet at the Hampden Coffee house in Springfield on the fourteenth day of May next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition & after viewing to hear all persons and Corporations interested therein. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon, thirty days at least & post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting.



The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with your doings, to the subscribers  
One of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

William Bliss, Chairman

Hampden ss. April 13. 1832. Pursuant to the foregoing order, I have served  
the Town Clerk of Springfield, with a true & attested copy of the petition aforesaid  
& order of notice thereon, by giving him the same, & also posted up in two public places  
in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff

Hampden ss. May 14. 1832. The County Commissioners for said County having  
given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the subject matter of the  
foregoing petition, pursuant to the foregoing order of notice, & by causing a copy of said  
petition & order of notice thereon to be published three weeks successively in the Spring-  
field Republican a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication being  
fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting, — this day met all persons  
& corporations known to be interested, & William Bliss being objected to by Jeremy  
Warriner & George Colton adversely interested in said petition by reason of his having  
acted as one of the Selectmen of the town of Springfield, which objection being sus-  
tained by the Commissioners & the said Bliss thereby being unable to act on said peti-  
tion, the other Commissioners notified & summoned in unity Robert Emery, the  
Special Commissioner for said County to appear & meet with them to act on said petition.  
Whereupon the said Emery, appearing, the said Norcross, Boies & Emery proceeded to  
view the route for a highway as prayed for in said petition. After viewing the same  
the said Norcross, Boies & Emery having heard all persons & corporations that chose  
to be heard & having duly considered the subject report that in their opinion common  
convenience & necessity do not require that the road prayed for should be laid out &  
established as & for a highway, nor that the doings of the Selectmen of the Town  
of Springfield should be approved & confirmed.

Noel Norcross } County  
Reuben Boies Jr. } Commissioners.  
Robert Emery } Special Commr

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners  
holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April 1832. and continued to this  
meeting, & now at this meeting <sup>have</sup> made the foregoing report, which report being  
read & considered is accepted & ordered to be recorded.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

Thos. Sheldon &

The Subscribers citizens of the County of Hampden ask <sup>other Petitioners</sup> leave respectfully to represent, that the public travel from Springfield, through a Road in  
Westfield to Albany & to Pittsfield, and many other places may be facilitated & the Westfield  
interest of the public promoted by laying a new County Road from Westfield Green  
commencing between the house of Reuben Palmer, & the brick store lately occupied  
by Robert Whitney & running nearly a straight line so as to intersect the present  
travelled road, near the house of Enoch Phelps in Westfield. — This Road if  
laid may at no very great expense be made as good if not better than the road at  
present travelled, and is only one mile in length, & the present travelled road is one  
mile and a quarter at least. — Your petitioners therefore pray that a new road  
may be laid within the foregoing limits, & as in duty bound. &c.

Westfield March 12. 1832.

Thomas Sheldon & others



Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the second Tuesday of June 1832. On the petition aforesaid ordered, that said Commissioners will meet at Bingham's Tavern in Westfield on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Westfield an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. — The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with your doings to the subscriber one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting. — William Bliss Chairman

Hampden Co. April 14. 1832. Pursuant to the foregoing order I have served the Town Clerk of Westfield with a true and attested copy of the petition aforesaid & order of notice thereon by giving him the same, & also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

Hampden Co. The County Commissioners for said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the subject matter of the foregoing petition pursuant to the foregoing order of notice & by causing a copy of said petition & order of notice thereon to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication being fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting — this day met all persons & corporations known to be interested and proceeded to view the route for a highway as prayed for in said petition. — After viewing the same and hearing all persons & corporations that wished to be heard, the said Commissioners having duly considered the subject Report that in their opinion common convenience and necessity do not require that the road should be laid out and established as prayed for in said petition.

All which is submitted.

William Bliss }  
Joel Norcross } County  
Reuben Boies Jr. } Commrs.

The foregoing Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April last past, and continued to this meeting, and now at this meeting make the foregoing Report, which being read & considered is accepted & ordered to be recorded.

Inhabit<sup>ts</sup> of Springfield To the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden at their Session to be holden on the second Tuesday of April A.D. 1831.

of Road & ~~new~~ Respectfully represent the Inhabitants of the Town of Springfield, that by an adjudication of the Board at their June Term 1829 a new County road was laid out in said Springfield from near the house of Walter Warner across Mill River to the house of Lyman Wood. That on examination it is found that it will require very great expense to make the same convenient to the public; That the buildings upon the old road are about to be removed, & the same may now be widened, & made so as to accommodate the public at much less expense & make a better road at all seasons of the year. — They therefore pray that the part of said new road above specified may be discontinued, & the old road from



Said Woods northerly to the town brook, may be widened & straightened  
April 11<sup>th</sup> 1831.

Geo. Bliss

John Howard

Theodore Bliss

} Agents

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County, at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April 1832. On the petition aforesaid Ordered that said Commissioners meet at the Hampden Coffee house in Springfield on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate and establish a highway upon the petition aforesaid; & to hear all persons & corporations interested therein on the subject of damages. - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition & this order thirty days at least & post up in two public places in said Springfield an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to William Bliss, one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

William Bliss, Chairman

Hampden ss. April 13. 1832. Pursuant to the foregoing order, I have served the Town Clerk of Springfield, by giving him a true & attested copy of the petition aforesaid & order of notice thereon, & also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff

Hampden ss. May 15. 1832. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden having given notice to all persons and corporations interested according to the foregoing order of notice, and also by causing an abstract containing the substance of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County the last publication being at least fourteen days before the time of meeting met pursuant to said notice at the time & place therein mentioned. And it appearing that William Bliss Chairman of the board was prevented from acting upon said petition by reason of his having been of Counsel for the original petitioners for the road prayed for to be discontinued and being otherwise interested, thereupon the other Commissioners notified and summoned Robert Emery a Special County Commissioner to appear and act upon said petition, who appearing proceeded with the said other Commissioners viz. Joel Norcross and Reuben Boies Jr. to locate a highway & make the alterations prayed for as follows viz. beginning at a stake standing 4 rods 16 links & 2 inches N. 65° 20' E. from the Southeast corner of the brick building owned by Charles Stearns, & formerly occupied by John Warner; and running thence S. 45° E. 31 r. to a stake on the hill in Walter Harriners land; thence S. 29° 45' E. 15 r. to a stake standing 3 r. 22 links from S. E. corner of J. Warners house bearing N. 57° 20' E. thence S. 16° E. 7 rods to a stake in the Saw Mill Yard; thence S. 9° 30' E. 7 r. 7 l. to a Button Ball tree near the bridge; thence S. 3° 20' E. 5 r. 21 l. across Mill River to a stake & stones; thence S. 18° 30' W. 4 r. 12 links to the upper side of a leaning Lombardy Poplar; - thence S. 31° 30' W. 6 r. to the northerly corner of Charles G. Rices house; thence S. 55° 30' W. 6 r. 13 l. to a stake on the side hill; thence S. 63° 30' W. 28 r. 15 l. to a post; - thence S. 36° W. 1 r. 21 l. to a post standing 12 1/2 links from the N. W. corner of Saml. Walkers house; - said lines are run on the easterly side of the road laid out, & the road from the place of beginning to the stake on the hill in Walter Harriners land aforesaid, is to be four rods wide; - from said stake through the second course, the road is to be gradually narrowed



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to the stake standing as above described 3. rods & 22. links from S. E. corner of S. Warriner's house where it is to be three rods wide & continue of the same width throughout the remainder of the route. Said road is to be wrought for a travelled path 25 feet wide, and to be constructed with suitable mounds & sluice ways. A bridge is to be constructed in a strong & workmanlike manner across S. Mill river equidistant from the east & west lines of the laid road. & to have a free & clear passage for travellers of 25 feet. - it is to be raised above highwater mark: & the abutments are to be of stone well laid and secured: - to have a substantial framed railing (boarded closely) not less than 5 feet high, - is to be securely & strongly defended at each end by a railing as high as the railing of the bridge where it connects with the same & gradually falling off to the sides of the road. A bridge of stone 3. feet wide by 2. feet high & covered with stone is to be built near Collins' forge as an outlet for the brook. - The travelled path in no part of the road to be lower than highwater mark. - The School House in Dist. No 9. to remain till April 1<sup>st</sup> 1833. - & then to be removed - the other buildings on S. road to remain as they now are till decayed or removed by the owners. All other obstructions are to be removed before the first day of July next. & the road is to be completed by the first day of October next to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, except so far as respects that portion which lies under S. School house, which last portion is to be completed by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1833. The wrought road to be in the center of the laid road. The assessed damages to owners of land taken for said road as follows viz. To Walter Warriner thirty five Dollars - to Theodore Bliss twelve Dollars. - Chas. E. Rice Saml. Collins, Saml. Collins Jr & Samuel Walker relinquished all claims for damage. - No other persons or Corporations were damaged by laying as aforesaid. And the Commissioners acting as aforesaid adjudge that so much of the road, lately laid by County Commissioners from the place of beginning first above mentioned & running westerly of Walter Warriner's house, to near Samuel Walker's house as is not covered by the present laying be and hereby is discontinued.

Joel Norcross } County  
Reuben Bois Jr } Commissioners  
Robert Emery Special Comrs

The foregoing Petiti<sup>o</sup> was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden for said County on the Second Tuesday of April A.D. 1831. & continued from meeting to meeting to the present meeting and now <sup>the S. Comrs</sup> make their report as above written, which being read & considered, is accepted, & ordered to be recorded.

Votes for  
County Treas<sup>r</sup>

The votes for County Treasurer having been sorted & counted, it appears the whole number of votes is Eleven Hundred and Sixty four, necessary for a Choice 583. and that David Paine has seven hundred & ninety eight votes, and is declared to be elected County Treasurer for the year ensuing, who appeared and gave bond to the acceptance of the County Commissioners & was sworn before the Commissioners.

Licenses  
Granted.

Cornelius Miller is Licensed to keep a Tavern at the place owned by him near the Meeting House in the Town of Wales  
Wm. L. Bemis is Licensed as a Retailer of wines at the Store now occupied by S. Bemis in Chispee Parish Springfield

Harvey Rockwood is Licensed to keep a tavern at the place owned by Horatio Sargeant in the Town of Springfield or at the place called the Hampton Coffee House in said Springfield



Ordered by the County Commissioners That David Paine County Treasurer be authorized  
 to borrow on the Credit of the County any sum of Money not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars  
 to meet the current expenses of the County for the year ensuing.

Warrant for  
 County Treas.  
 to borrow  
 Money.

Hampden ss. June 27. 1832. The following accounts have been examined &  
 allowed by the County Commissioners, and by them ordered to be paid from the County Treas.

Amasa Parsons - Blacking Stoves & taking Care of Court house & exp. bill in	8.00	Accts all.
Amathan Wright, Turning Carpet covering Desk & finding tack etc	5.00	
Benjamin Rathbun for 10 wooden bottles	7.50	
Raynolds & Morris for 15 yds Carpeting	20.62	
Philip Wilcox Repairing Court house Chimney	1.84	
John B. Eldridge for publishing Petitions &c	3.00	
Moses Daggett, work at Jail	1.67	
Carlo Smith for painting & whitewashing Ct. House. cleaning windows &c	86.25	
Warham Shepard - Expense of Inquest on the body of Jas. Bush 2 <sup>d</sup> of Westfield	83.9	
John Angasoll for certifying accounts to Cg. Treas. & f. Venues as per bill	6.10	
Lewis Gorham for work at Jail as per Bill	24.55	
Jas. Brewer for 2 1/2 yds flannel	1.06	
Callender & Kirkham for advertising Return of Recognisances	1.00	
Roswell Lombard, bushin for Sheriff & Crim. &c	3.12 1/2	
L. W. Belden Attendance on Prisoners in Jail	10.00	
Caleb Rice, serving Orders of notice on petitions for Roads &c	20.06	
Thomas Dickman for Room of Paper	4.50	
	\$212.69 1/2	

Hampden ss. June 27. 1832. All matters not passed upon are ordered to be continued  
 & this meeting is adjourned without day

Attest John Angersoll Clerk



## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Comm<sup>rs</sup> holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of October, being the second day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, and from day to day to the fourth day of said month.

Present. William Bliss Esq. Chairman County  
Joel Norcross Esq. } Comm<sup>rs</sup>  
Reuben Boies Jr. Esq.

Ch<sup>s</sup>. Stearns & Co. To the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
Pet<sup>n</sup> for a Road The subscribers respectfully represent that public convenience & necessity require that State Street in Springfield should be extended westerly as a County road to the Bank of Connecticut River. They therefore pray that you would cause the same to be laid out from a point on the west side of Main Street opposite the South corner of James S. Dights South Store three rods wide or more to the brow of the hill & thence three rods wide to the bank of said River.

Springfield May 17. 1832. Charles Stearns & Others.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the second Monday of May inst. adjournment from the second Tuesday of April 1832. On the petition aforesaid Ordered, that said Commissioners will meet at the Hampden Coffee house in Springfield on the twenty fifth day of June next at 10. O'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least & post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to Wm. Bliss one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

William Bliss Chairman

Hampden ss. May 25. 1832. Pursuant to the foregoing Order I have served the Town Clerk of Springfield with a true and attested copy of the foregoing petition & the order of notice thereon & posted up in two public places in said Town abstracts containing the substance of said petition. William A. Foster D. Shff

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And the foregoing petition was continued to the meeting of said Comm<sup>rs</sup> holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June last past, at which meeting the s<sup>d</sup> Co<sup>y</sup>. Comm<sup>rs</sup> made their report <sup>on the</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> petition in the words following. viz.

Hampden ss. June 25. 1832. The County Commissioners for said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the subject matter of said petition pursuant to the foregoing order, & by causing a copy of said petition and order of notice thereon to be published in the Hampden Journal, a newspaper printed in said County the last publication being fourteen days before the time of s<sup>d</sup> meeting. This day met, & it appearing that William Bliss one of said Commissioners was unable to act on said Petition. The other Commissioners viz. Joel Norcross & Reuben Boies Jr. notified & summoned Robert Emery the



Special Commissioner for said County, in writing, to appear & act with them on s<sup>d</sup> petition. Whereupon the said Emery appeared & met with the s<sup>d</sup> Norcross & Boies, & they the said Norcross, Boies & Emery, proceeded to view the route prayed for in s<sup>d</sup> petition for a highway. After viewing the same and hearing all persons & corporations, that wished to be heard, the s<sup>d</sup> Norcross, Boies & Emery, having duly considered the subject, report that in their opinion common convenience & necessity require that the road should be laid out & established as a public highway, as prayed for in said petition.

Joel Norcross } County  
Reuben Boies Jr. } Comm<sup>rs</sup>.  
Robert Emery Special Comm<sup>r</sup>

Which report being read & considered was accepted by Co<sup>rds</sup> Comm<sup>rs</sup>. & ordered to be recorded. At s<sup>d</sup> meeting in June & the way therein described adjudged by s<sup>d</sup> Comm<sup>rs</sup> to be of common convenience & necessity & ordered to be laid out.

And at said last mentioned meeting it was further ordered by said Comm<sup>rs</sup> as follows: "Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June 1832. On the petition aforesaid. Ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Jeremy Warriner in Springfield on the first day of October next at 11 O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate and establish an highway upon the petition aforesaid; and to hear all persons and corporations interested therein on the subject of damages. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, & post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with your doings to William Bliss one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting."

William Bliss Chairman

And this petition was continued to this meeting, & the Deputy Sheriff makes his return as follows: "Hampden ss. Springfield Aug. 1832 Pursuant to the foregoing order I have served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of s<sup>d</sup> petition & the order thereon: and posted up in two several public places in said Town a true abstract of said petition & order."

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William H. Foster D. Shff.

And now the County Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows viz. "Hampden ss. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1832. The County Commissioners for said County having given notice to all persons & Corporations interested in the subject matter of said petition, pursuant to the foregoing order and by causing a copy of said petition & order of notice thereof to be published in the Hampden Journal, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication being fourteen days at least before the term of said meeting. The board consisting of Joel Norcross & Reuben Boies Jr. standing commissioners and Robert Emery the Special Commissioner for said County, who was duly summoned to appear & act upon s<sup>d</sup> petition in locating the road prayed for, in the stead of William Bliss Chairman of the County Commissioners who was unable to act by reason that Jeremy Warriner & others adversely interested, objected to his acting, because he the said Bliss had acted as one of the Selectmen of Springfield in laying a town road upon the same route, this day met pursuant to s<sup>d</sup> notice and proceeded to lay out and establish a County road or highway as follows viz. beginning at a stake standing on the west side of main Street in s<sup>d</sup> Springfield, on a course bearing S. 46° W. from the Southwest corner of Dwight's South Store four rods & six links & measuring from the northwest corner of Carew's building six rods & three & half links, & running from said stake S. 47° W. 23 rods to a stake on the brow of the hill: thence S. 48° 20' W. 56 r. to a stake on the bank of the River."



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which is the northerly line of said road. Then returning for the southerly line we began at a stake on the S. Bank standing three rods E.  $48^{\circ} 20'$  S. from the stake at the termination of the northerly line & run thence N.  $48^{\circ} 21'$  E. to a stake at the brow of the hill; - thence N.  $49^{\circ} 46'$  E. to a point on the westerly side of Main Street three rods & sixteen links from the stake where the running of the northerly line of the road commenced. The owners of buildings on the land taken for the road are to be allowed to permit s<sup>d</sup> buildings to remain ten years from the date hereof; all other obstructions & incumbrances are to be removed in six months which time is allowed the owners to remove them. We have assessed damages for land taken for S. road as follows viz. To Jeremy Warriner One Dollar; for the heirs and devisees of Thomas Bates dec<sup>d</sup>. to George Colton Trustee, four hundred Dollars. - the other owners of land relinquished all claim to damages. - The travelled path of S. road to be wrought at least twenty five feet wide in all parts that are or may be unobstructed, & in the parts obstructed to be as wide as convenience will allow. - to be done by the first day of June next to the acceptance of the Commissioners - all of which is submitted

Isaac Norcross Seal Standing  
 Reuben Boies Jr. Seal Commissioner  
 Robert Emery Seal Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered, is accepted by County Commissioners and ordered to be recorded.

Daniel P. Kingsley  
 et al. Petitioners  
 a Road.

To the County Commissioners within & for the County of Hampden  
 The petition of the undersigned humbly represents that in their opinion the public convenience and necessity require that certain alterations be made in the present travelled road between Ware line & the town of Palmer commencing near the house of Wilson Foster and ending near the house of Joseph Moody, & that the road between said termini be widened, and that any alterations or new road which may be necessary should be made by said Commissioners. - We therefore pray that a view may be had, and that such other measures may be adopted as are necessary to carry their petition into effect - and the petition further prays your honors to discontinue the new County road between said Fosters & the junction of the same with the Three Rivers Road as may be judged unnecessary. And that the time given the Town of Palmer by the said County Commissioners to build the last mentioned road may be extended.

June 25. 1832.

Daniel P. Kingsley & others

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June 1832. On the petition aforesaid, Ordered that said Commissioners will meet at the house of Franklin Morgan in Palmer, on the fifteenth day of August next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon thirty days at least, & post up in two public places in said Palmer an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting.

The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to Wm. Bliss one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

Wm. Bliss Chairman

And this petition was continued to this meeting

Hampden ss. July 10. 1832. By virtue of the foregoing order I have served the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid & order of notice thereon by leaving the same at his last & usual place of



abode & also posted up abstracts containing the substance of s<sup>d</sup> petition in two public places  
in s<sup>d</sup> Town. to Rice Sheriff

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making & posting 25  
2. abstracts 50  
Copy 64 } 1.69

And now at this meeting, the County Commissioners make their report as follows.  
Hampden Co. August 15<sup>th</sup> 1832. The County Commissioners for said County having  
given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the subject matter of the foregoing  
petition, pursuant to the foregoing Order of notice & by causing a copy of said petition &  
order of notice thereon to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Journal a  
Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication being fourteen days at least,  
before the time of said meeting; this day William Bliss and Joel Norcross two of the  
County Commissioners, & Robert Emery, the Special County Commissioner who was  
duly summoned in writing to appear to act on s<sup>d</sup> petition in the stead of Reuben Davis  
the other County Commissioner who did not appear & thereby, being unable to act on s<sup>d</sup>  
petition, met all persons & corporations known to be interested therein & proceeded to view  
the alterations & the route for a new highway prayed for in said petition. After viewing  
the same, & also the road which is by s<sup>d</sup> petition prayed to be discontinued, & hearing all  
persons & corporations that wished to be heard, the s<sup>d</sup> Board having duly considered the sub-  
ject, Report, that in their opinion common convenience & necessity do not require  
the alterations & new highway as prayed for should be made, nor that said road should  
be discontinued as prayed for in s<sup>d</sup> petition — and they further Report that it is not  
expedient to extend the time for making s<sup>d</sup> Road as prayed for.

William Bliss } County Commissioners  
Joel Norcross }  
Robert Emery Special Comm<sup>r</sup>

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted by County Comm<sup>rs</sup>  
and ordered to be recorded.

Licenses Granted Oct. Term, 1832. The following Persons were  
Licensed by County Comm<sup>rs</sup> as Taverners & Retailers, till first day of April next.  
Barlow Clark Ret. in the East Parish at the four corners one mile east of the meeting house Granville  
Albert G. Henry Inn at the house lately occupied by Lyman M. Elder. Chester  
Lewis Collins Ret. at Fallays & roads in Chester "  
Lewis Collins Inn at his present dwelling house at Fallays & Roads "  
Samuel Henry Inn at his now dwelling house near the Chester Factory "  
Rupell Hawley Inn at the House occupied by him last year Russell  
John L. Tucker Ret. at the Store occupied by him last year "  
Elijah Arnold Ret. at his Store in Westfield Westfield  
Thomas Loomis Inn at his house in Westfield "  
Thomas Loomis Ret. in a new building adjoining S. Thomas' House "  
Samuel F. Reed Ret. in his Store as now occupied by him in Westfield "  
Matthew Ives Ret. in his Store now occupied by him in Westfield "  
Lyman Lewis Ret. in his Store now occupied by him in Westfield "  
David H. Merwin Ret. in his Store now occupied by him in Westfield & } "  
lately by Wm. Bellows.  
Enoch Doane Inn. in the house he now occupies Southwick  
Abner Miller Inn at the house he now occupies for that purpose West Springfield  
Theodotia Palmer Inn at the house she now occupies for that purpose "  
James Bagg Inn at the house he now occupies for that purpose "  
Elias Winchell Ret. at the store he now occupies "



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## Licenses. Continued

- West Springfield Harvey Root Ret. at the store he now occupies  
 " Martin King Inn. at the house he now occupies for that purpose  
 " Frederick Ely Ret. at the store he now occupies  
 " Warren Clark Inn. at the house he now occupies for that purpose  
 " Lyman Whitman Ret. at the store now occupied by him  
 " Frederick Strong Ret. in 1<sup>st</sup> Parish at the store now occupied by him  
 " Oliver Baker Inn. at the house now occupied for that purpose 1<sup>st</sup> Parish  
 " Amos Allen Inn 3<sup>d</sup> Parish at the house he now occupies for that purpose  
 " Charles Ely Ret. of wine at the store he now occupies.
- Springfield Solomon Merrick Inn at the house occupied by Jahleel Smith  
 " Elisha Edwards Ret. upon his Pet<sup>n</sup> at his store opposite the Spring<sup>g</sup> Hotel to 4<sup>th</sup> market -  
 " Row Main Street  
 " David M. Moore Ret. upon Pet<sup>n</sup> at the store now occupied by him in Spring<sup>g</sup>  
 " Wells Southworth Ret. upon Pet<sup>n</sup> at Chicopee Factory Village  
 " Edward F. Mosely Ret. upon Pet<sup>n</sup> at the corner of Walnut & State Street.  
 " Jonathan Bangs Ret. upon Pet<sup>n</sup> in Hubbard's buildings near the Armory  
 " John Curtis Ret. upon Pet<sup>n</sup> near the Armory in Smith's buildings  
 " Dwight Smith Ret. upon Pet<sup>n</sup> at the store formerly occupied by S. Warren  
 " Elisha Gumm Ret. upon Pet<sup>n</sup> at his store in the new brick building opposite the U.S. Army  
 " Sumner Chapin Inn. at the late house of Abel Chapin in Chicopee Parish  
 " Daniel C. Brewer Ret. upon Pet<sup>n</sup> in Spring<sup>g</sup> in Main Street.  
 " Austin Chapin Inn. at the house now occupied by him near Chicopee Bridge  
 " Marvin B. Avery Ret. on Pet<sup>n</sup> in Hubbard's buildings opposite U.S. A.  
 " Ebenezer Brackett Ret. on Pet<sup>n</sup> at the store formerly occupied by Thos. Warren  
 " Elisha Adams Inn. at the Tavern house of the Chicopee Mfg. Co. at Chicopee Factory  
 " Theodore Bliss Ret. at the store he now occupies in Mill Street.  
 " Harvey Chapin Inn. at the County house by the Jail.  
 " William Sparhawk Ret. at his store in Main Street.  
 " Thaddeus C. Eaton Inn. near the upper water shops  
 " William C. Warren Inn. at the Tavern house owned by Oren <sup>on the Boston road</sup> Dimmick  
 " Jeremy Warriner Inn. at his house corner Main & State streets  
 " Henry L. Bunker Ret. at the store now occupied by him in Main Street
- Longmeadow Diamond Cotton Inn. at the house lately kept by Wm. White  
 " William White Ret. in the first parish near the meeting house  
 " Seth Taylor Ret. in the Second Parish near the cross roads  
 " Francis Burt Ret. in his store near the meeting house
- Wilbraham Henry Glover Ret. in the north village of Wilbraham  
 " Thomas Glover Inn. at his house on the Boston Road & Spring<sup>g</sup> Mail Route  
 " Benjamin Fuller Jr. Inn. at his dwelling house in north Wilbraham  
 " William Clark Ret. at his store near his dwelling house in N. Wilbraham  
 " Pliny Cadwell Ret. at his store near his house & near the meeting house  
 " John M. Cray Inn. at his dwelling house in the South Parish in Wilbraham  
 " Ira Burley Inn. at his dwelling house in South Wilbraham
- Monson Timothy Packard Ret. at the store he now occupies  
 " Rufus Flynt Ret. at the store he now occupies  
 " James W. Hale Ret. at the formerly occupied by Artemas Wadwell  
 " Amos Norcross Inn. at his dwelling house



H. W. Wallis

John Sedgwick Inn. at the house he now occupies Palmer  
 Franklin Morgan Inn. at the house he now occupies near the center of the Town.  
 Emelius Bond Inn. at the house he now occupies  
 Theophilus Knight Ret. in the centre of the Town.  
 Justin H. Olds Ret. at the Store formerly occupied by Amos Hamilton  
 Elijah C. Babcock Ret. at his Store in Wales situated about 80 rods Wales  
 north of the meeting house in S. Town  
 Ichabod Bliss Inn. at his now dwelling house Brimfield  
 Joseph D. Browning Inn at his house on the northeast corner of the Common  
 Ebenezer Williams Ret. at his store at the South side of the Common  
 John W. Bliss Ret. at the Factory Store in the East part of Brimfield  
 Royal P. Wales Ret. at the Store of Foster & Bliss on the southeast corner of the common  
 Ely Fuller Inn at his dwelling house Sudlow  
 Ely Fuller Ret. at his Store near his dwelling house  
 Theodore Sikes Ret. at the Store of owned by Marvin B. Avery in S. Sudlow  
 Ephraim Sawin Inn. at the place called Putts bridge  
 Harmon Booth Ret. at the Store occupied by him

Hampden Co. Oct. 4. 1832. The following accounts have been examined and allowed by the County Commis<sup>rs</sup>. & by them ordered to be paid from the County Treasury. (Caleb Allen?)

Eli Ball for 344 ft. flagging Stone @ 7¢	24.08	
15" wall stone for sluice	80	
for aiding I to Lead	50	\$25.38
Lewis Gorham for work as per Bill		11.88
John Rice work at jail & paint skin lining boards &c.		7.27
Joel Kendall shoes for prisoners		2.91
Noah Shearer damages for Land for Road		1.00
Sally W. Mickle " " " "		75.00
Keyes Foster & Luke Hitchcock Jr. do " "		10.00
Chester Hastings " "		75.00
James Watsons heirs " "		140.00
Cyrus Merriek " "		90.00
Caleb Rice serving Com <sup>rs</sup> Orders dis warrants & ret <sup>ns</sup> of blut <sup>rs</sup>		33.40
James Chapin for wood for Courts		8.17
Harvey Chapin dieting prisoners. Key fees &c. per ap <sup>ts</sup> rendered		444.60
Walter Warriner damages for Land taken for a Road		35.00
Theodore Bliss " " " "		12.00
John Frink for cost of Inquisition on the body of Sally Howard		9.47
Amasa Parsons attending Court Probate for granting		
Pensions, attending County Com <sup>rs</sup> for		16.75
		\$997.83

Hampden Co. Oct. 4. 1832. All matters not passed upon remain open & this meeting is adjourned to Thursday the Eleventh day of October Instant at 11 O'clock A.M. and all matters acted upon are ordered to be recorded.  
 Attest. John Ingusoll Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co. At the Meeting of the County Commissioners holden  
on the Eleventh day of October in the year of our Lord One  
Thousand eight hundred & thirty two, by adjournment from  
the first Tuesday said October

Present. William Bliss Esq. Chairman  
Joel Ancker Esq.  
Reuben Davis Jr. Esq. 3 Com<sup>rs</sup>

Licenses Granted Oct. Adjourned Term. 1832  
The following named persons were Licensed by County Com<sup>rs</sup> as Taverners  
& Retailers till first day of April next.

Granville	Timothy M. Cooley	Ret. at his Store in East Parish
	Elijah Seymour	Ret. in his Store in do do
	same	Taverner in his house " "
	Charles Phelps	do in his house " "
	Symon Root	Ret. at his Store " "
	Levi H. Parsons	do " Middle Parish
	Wm. H. Squires	do " do "
	same	innholder at his house " "
Holland	Allen Bidwell	Innholder at his house near the Meeting house
Russell	Abraham Bradley	Innholder at his house where the <sup>r</sup> Bradley kept
Westfield	Charles P. Clark	do at his now dwelling house
"	Noah Clark	do " " "
"	Loring Lane	do " " "
Blandford	Luther Laflin	do " " "
"	Linus B. Barnes	Retailer of wine at the Store of Laflin & Barnes
"	Orin Sage	do do at the Store now occupied by him
"	Symon Gibbs	do do do

Hampden Co. Oct. 13. 1832. The following accounts have been examined &  
allowed by the C. Com<sup>rs</sup> & by them Ordered to be paid out of the County Treas<sup>y</sup>  
Philip Jones for State & putting upon the Jail — 2.00  
Callender & Kirkham Duell paper Docket & wafers — 2.27  
Thomas Drexman Ream fresh cap paper — 5.00  
John Ingersoll for Cost App<sup>r</sup> & Tax Attending C. Court &c — 17.50  
\$26.77

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> 1832 This Meeting is adjourned without day  
Attest. John Ingersoll Clerk



th. Wallis

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December, being the twenty fifth day of said month in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred Thirty two & from day to day to the 27<sup>th</sup> day of said month.

Present William Bliss, Esq. Chairman  
Joel Norcross Esq.  
Reuben Boies Jr. Esq. } Com<sup>rs</sup>

To the Board of County Com<sup>rs</sup> for the County of Hampden at their Session John Sedgwick to be holden on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of Sept. A.D. 1830. Respectfully represent the sub. & others Pet<sup>rs</sup> scribes. Inhabitants of the Counties of Hampden & Worcester, that the highway for Road in leading from the house of John Sedgwick in Palmer by Palmer meeting house Palmer to Western is very hilly & inconvenient to the public & that the public convenience & necessity require that a County road should be laid out from near the house of said Sedgwick & following in or near the general route of the valley of Chic. N. B. For the open River to the line of Western, & in such a location, that the same may be commencement of continued from thence in or near the valley of said river to Western Meeting this Road Road house - They therefore pray that the same may be viewed & such proceeding, see page 44 had that the said road may be established as a public highway. E 41<sup>st</sup>

August. 1830.

Signed John Sedgwick & others

The foregoing petition was entered at the Meeting of the County Com<sup>rs</sup> for the County of Hampden holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of Sept. A.D. 1830. and continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of said Com<sup>rs</sup> on the fourth Tuesday of January A.D. 1831 (by adjournment from the fourth Tuesday of December A.D. 1830) at which meeting the road prayed for in the foregoing petition was adjudged of common convenience & necessity & by them ordered to be laid out. adjudication on Report of Page 44.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the twenty fifth day of January 1831. by adjournment from the fourth Tuesday of Dec. 1830. On the petition aforesaid. Ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Jesse King in Palmer on the third day of May next at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate and establish an highway upon the petition aforesaid: and to hear all persons & corporations interested therein on the subject of damages. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Palmer & Brimfield each with an attested copy of said petition & this order, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in each of said Towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to Joel Norcross Esq. One of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice Chairman

Hampden ss. 1<sup>st</sup> April 1831. Pursuant of the within order I have served the Town Clerks of Palmer and Brimfield each with an attested copy of the aforesaid petition & order, and posted up an abstract thereof in two public places in each of said Towns.

William A. Foster D. Shiff.

Servic	60
travel	40
two copies	1.00
four notes	2.48



Hampden ss. May 3. 1831. The County Comrs for the County of Hampden having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the within petition according to the foregoing Order of notice, & having also caused an abstract containing the substance of the aforesaid petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Journal & Advertiser a newspaper printed in said County the last publication being fourteen days at least before the time of meeting as mentioned in said order of notice, met on said third day of May & proceeded to view & examine the routes upon each side of the river above Capt. Jesse Kings & also the alteration in the old road, and after examining the routes the Comrs from the County of Worcester & Hampden disagreeing in relation to the route for the location of the road north-erly of Capt Kings, the Comrs for the County of Hampden adjourned until the twenty seventh day of Sept. next, to meet at the house of John Sedgwick at 9 o'clock A. M.

Caleb Rice  
Joel Norcross  
Reuben Boies Jr.

To the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at their Session to be holden on the fourth Tuesday of Sept. A. D. 1830.  
Respectfully represent the subscribers inhabitants of the Counties of Hampden & Worcester that the highway leading from the house of John Sedgwick in Palmer by Palmer meeting house to Western is very hilly & inconvenient to the public; and that the public convenience & necessity require that a County road should be laid out from near the house of said Sedgwick & following in or near the general route of the valley of Chicopee River to the line of Western & in such a location that the same may be continued from thence in or near the valley of P. River to Western meeting house. They therefore pray that the same may be viewed & such proceedings had that the said road may be established as a public highway.  
August. 1830. Signed John Sedgwick & others

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June 1832. On the petition aforesaid Ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of John Sedgwick in Palmer on the Seventeenth day of August next at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate and establish an highway upon the petition aforesaid and to hear all persons and corporations interested therein on the subject of damages. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerks of Palmer & Brimfield each with an attested copy of said petition & this order thirty days at least & post up in two public places in said Towns respectively an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to Joel Norcross Esq. one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.  
Wm. Bliss Chairman

Hampden ss. July 10. 1832 By virtue of the foregoing order I have served the Town Clerks of Palmer & Brimfield each with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid & order of notice thereby leaving the same at their several places of abode & also posted up in two public places in each of said Towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

2. services — 60  
making & posting 4. certificates 50  
2 copies — 1.00  
Travel — 48  
\$2.58



th. Wallis

Hampden Co. Aug. 17. 1832. The County Commissioners of the County of  
Hampden having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing  
petition according to the foregoing order of notice & having also caused an abstract  
containing the substance of said petition together with a notice of the time & place  
of meeting, to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Journal  
& advertiser a newspaper printed in said County. The last publication being at  
least fourteen days before the time of meeting as mentioned in said Order of  
notice, met pursuant to said order of notice and Reuben Boie Jr. one of said Com-  
missioners being absent & unable to attend & act on said petition the standing Com-  
missioners who were present viz. Wm Bliss & Joel Norcross notified & summoned  
in writing Robert Emery the special County Commissioner for said County to attend  
the meeting of the Commissioners at said time & place, who appeared & the  
board consisting of the S. Bliss, Norcross & Emery proceeded to locate the way  
prayed for as follows viz. Beginning to make an alteration in the present road  
at the South east corner of Daniel Kings corn barn & run thence for the  
westerly line of the road S.  $49^{\circ}$  E. 5 r. 16 l. to a willow tree; - thence S.  
 $43\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 4 r. 21 l. to a stake; - thence S.  $37\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 5 r. 2 l. to a stake;  
thence S.  $35^{\circ}$  E. 20 r. 10 l. to an apple tree stump - the road to be three rods  
wide. We then proceeded to locate the road eastward from Bugbees Mills -  
but objections being made to the road being laid southerly of the house late  
of Benj<sup>n</sup> Merrick dec<sup>d</sup>. The persons owning lands & interested & a Committee on  
behalf of the Town of Palmer were heard upon the subject. And the Commis-  
sioners upon consideration decided to locate said road southerly of said house  
& gave notice accordingly and also notified said Committee & others present  
that the further location of said road would be postponed to the sixteenth day  
of October then next ensuing at 9 O'clock A.M.

William Bliss Standing & Seal  
Joel Norcross 3 Com<sup>rs</sup> " Seal  
Robert Emery Special Commissioner & Seal

Pursuant to adjournment from the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August last past the County Com-  
missioners viz. William Bliss, Joel Norcross & Reuben Boie Jr. met the persons  
interested & also the Committee of said Town of Palmer this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1832  
& proceeded to complete the location & survey of said road as follows viz. beginning  
at a stake & stones a little easterly of Bugbees Mill & run thence S.  $89\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 23 r. to a  
stake & stones thence S.  $79\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 16 r. to a stake & stones; thence S.  $68\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 107 r.  
to a cherry tree; thence S.  $74^{\circ} 40'$  E. 98 r. to a stake; - thence S.  $85\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 24 r.  
to a stake in the fence; thence N.  $76^{\circ}$  E. 35 r. to Benj<sup>n</sup> Converse east line  
thence N.  $73^{\circ}$  E. 52 r. to a stake & stones 3 rods south of the easterly oak there  
thence N.  $71^{\circ}$  E. 37 r. to a stake & stones; - thence N.  $59\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 22 r. to a stake  
near the N. W. corner of Fentons wood house; thence N.  $45^{\circ} 40'$  E. 10 r. to a  
stake on old road; thence crossing said road N.  $29^{\circ}$  E. 119 r. to a marked  
pine tree on the easterly side of the present road; thence N.  $27^{\circ} 45'$  E. 35 r. 17 l.  
to an oak on easterly side of said road; - thence N.  $27\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 42 r. to a stake & stones opposite  
to the N. E. corner of Sim<sup>l</sup> Brainards house & 6 r.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  l. distant therefrom; thence  
N.  $12\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 60 r. to the west side of an oak; thence N.  $10\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 20 r. to a stake &  
stones 20 l. northwesterly of N. W. corner of Jesse Kings Cider Mill; thence  
N.  $13\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 4 r. 8 l. to a stake & stones; thence N.  $23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 7 r. 8 l. to a stake on  
South side of old road; thence N.  $57^{\circ}$  E. 6 r. 5 l. to a stake at the bars; thence  
N.  $82\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 7 r. 2 l. to a stake 1 r. 8 l. northwesterly of an apple tree; thence N.  $89^{\circ}$  E.  
7 r. 7 l. to the South end of the west abutment of the County bridge; thence



crossing Chicopee River S.  $55\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 9 r. to a stake: thence S.  $85^{\circ} 20'$  E. 4 r. to a stake & stones at fork of roads: thence N.  $57\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 20 r. to a stake by the wall: — thence N.  $55\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 17 r. to a stake & stones: — thence N.  $45^{\circ} 40'$  E. 19 r. to a crooked apple tree: — thence N.  $38\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 12 r. to a stake: thence N.  $28\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E.  $24\frac{1}{2}$  r. to a stake opposite a Butternut tree: thence N.  $20^{\circ}$  E. 48 r. 15 l. to a stake standing 15 l. from the Brooks house: thence N.  $22\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 58 r. to a stake at the end of a stone wall: — thence N.  $35\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E.  $23\frac{1}{2}$  r. to the end of a stone wall: — thence N.  $31\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 31 r. to a marked Elm: thence N.  $15\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 23 r. 15 l. to a walnut & same course 38 r. to a stake: — thence N.  $0^{\circ} 30'$  W. 96 r. to a stake: thence N.  $15\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W. 94 r. to the up stream end of a rock in Chicopee River: thence crossing the River N.  $41^{\circ} 40'$  W. 6 r. to a stake: — thence N.  $5^{\circ}$  W. 52 r. to a walnut tree marked: — thence N.  $6^{\circ}$  E. 77 r. to a large walnut marked: — thence N.  $7^{\circ}$  E. 28 r. to a large rock with a heap of stones: thence N.  $6\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 55 r. to a walnut marked: thence N.  $4\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 36 r. to a crooked apple tree: — thence N.  $2^{\circ}$  E. 26 r. to a white oak marked: thence N.  $1^{\circ}$  W. 13 r. 19 l. to a white oak marked: thence N.  $1\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  W. 33 r. to a Bass wood tree: thence N.  $20^{\circ} 20'$  E. 15 r. to the west side of a chestnut marked: thence N.  $17^{\circ} 50'$  E. 34 r. to 3 maples marked: thence N.  $14\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 22 r. to a dry stub: thence N.  $16\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 20 r. to a maple marked: thence same course 17 r. to a stake & stones by a rock: — thence N.  $23\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 14 r. to a stake & stones: — thence N.  $26\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 19 r. to a stake bearing N.  $26\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W. 19 l. from the N. W. corner of underpinning stone of Cheney Hodges house: — thence N.  $37^{\circ}$  E. 7 r. 8 l. to 2 maples marked: thence N.  $47^{\circ}$  E. 7 r. 17 l. to an elm at the Turnpike. — Said line are run on the southerly & easterly side of said road which is to be three rods wide except from the Bass tree northward to stake & stones by a rock as aforesaid in Hodges land between which points it is to be four rods wide. The travelled path is to be twenty feet wide in the clear & exclusive of the ditches on the sides: all stumps & stones are to be removed from the travelled path before the road is formed & also from the ditches when they will in any way impede the passage of water: when the ground is uneven the earth in forming the road is to be drawn lengthwise so as to ensure as uniform & level surface as the ground will admit: bridges are to be made strong & durable materials in all places necessary for them as well as the sluices: — mounds & checks of proper earth, & the ditches to be of sufficient width & depth for a free passage of water. In all cases where the road is wharfed up, or where the ground falls off from the road abruptly there is to be a strong railing. More particularly, the ground from near Bugbee's Mill across the low ground to the brow of the hill southerly of Merricks house, is to be well thrown up so that the travelled path shall be raised considerably higher than the present surface & is then to be covered with gravel or earth suitable to make a hard & permanent road. The S. brow of the hill is to be drawn down westerly on to the low ground: — the low & wet ground westerly of Tentons is to be worked in the manner above directed: all knolls are to be hauled down into the hollows — the hills between the Steere house & Brainards to be very much broken down — also the hill near Brainards house. The hill by Jesse Kings house to be drawn down for near the cider mill forming a gradual and easy slope & the low ground between the hill & bridge to be filled in & raised so that the crown of the way shall not be less than two feet higher than the present surface — The hill near the Brooks house to be graded so that the ascent shall not be greater than that which may hereinafter be fixed for the hills generally. The hill northwest of the Powers house to be drawn down & the hollow filled up. — From the River north of S. Powers house, northerly to the crooked



apple tree above mentioned. The direction above in regard to hills, knolls, hollows & low ground are to be observed. From S apple tree to the turnpike the path way may be worked on the easterly or lower side of the laid road in all places when convenient for construction & when the nature of the ground requires it - but generally the path is to be wrought in the centre of the road, except when there are angles in the line run the path is to have a regular & easy bend. Northwly & southwly of the above mentioned Bass Wood tree there is to be built a firm & substantial River wall & in all cases where wharfing is required the wall is to be laid strong & in a workmanlike manner. Northwly of S. Bass wood tree there is to be a large sluice & the hill is to be broken through & the low ground beyond it to be worked as above directed for low ground, & be well covered with earth from S hill. The easterly side of the road at its intersection with the turnpike is to be wharfed up - a substantial stone wall is to be built so as to raise the ground to correspond with the turnpike road & the path is to be worked on the easterly side of the laid road & with a gradual curve so as to make the travel off & on S turnpike easy. The bridge which must be built near the Pool is to be capacious enough to discharge the water at all seasons of the year & of sufficient height so that by hauling down the knoll in Hodges land the road shall be evenly graded from the highest point of ground, southwly to the S. dry stub. - No hill on the above route is to exceed four degrees of ascent. The bridge across the river between Brimfield & Palmer is to be sufficiently wide to allow 16 feet in the clear & exclusive of railing, for travel with a floor of plank not less than three inches thick & 16 feet long. The abutments on each side of the River & one pier in the middle of the River to be of stone laid in a solid & workmanlike manner of sufficient height & size for a strong and permanent bridge. The general plan of the bridge to be like that over S River near Jesse Kinghouse. said road & bridge are to be finished in a durable & workmanlike manner in all respects to the acceptance of the Comm<sup>n</sup> on or before the first day of November 1833. Until May 1<sup>st</sup> 1833 allowed for taking off timber & wood. We have assessed damages to the following named owners of land taken for said road as follows viz. To Benjamin Merrick's heirs \$240. Benj<sup>n</sup> Comarse \$200. To John Fenton \$80. to Oliver Ferre \$75. to w<sup>id</sup> Hannah Ferre \$80. To Reuben Ferre \$5. to Timothy Brainard \$25. to Jesse King Isaac King \$1. To Sam<sup>l</sup> Shaw \$30. Stephen Powers & Ramsdell \$150. To Rogers \$25. - Amos Tylers heirs \$150. George H & Cassandance Hodges \$45. John Shaw relinquished damages. No other persons were damaged more than benefited. - We estimate the expense of constructing the road & one half of the bridge across Chicopee River in the Town of Palmer at Eleven hundred dollars - of constructing the road & one half the bridge across S River in Brimfield at Five hundred dollars, one half of which sums are allowed to said Towns respectively & to be paid from the County Treasury whenever said roads shall be completed & accepted by the Co. Comm<sup>n</sup> viz. \$550. to Palmer & \$250 to Brimfield. - all which is submitted

William Bliss } I Seal  
Joel Norcross } Cop<sup>y</sup> & Seal  
Reuben Boies Jr. } Comm<sup>n</sup> & Seal

Which report being read and considered is accepted by the  
County Commissioners & ordered to be recorded.

N.B. For the commencement of the Record of this Pot<sup>er</sup> Road of Sedgwick's see  
see the next page viz. 41<sup>st</sup>



To the Board of County Comrs for the County of Hampden at their session to be holden on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of Sept. A.D. 1830. Respectfully represent the subscribers Inhabitants of the County of Hampden & Worcester. That the highway leading from the house of John Sedgwick in Palmer by Palmer Meeting house to Western, is very hilly & inconvenient to the public & that the public convenience & necessity require that a County road should be laid out leading from near the house of said Sedgwick, & following in or near the general route of the valley of Chicopee River to the line of Western & in such a location, that the same may be continued from thence in or near the valley of said river to Western meeting-house. They therefore pray that the same may be viewed & such proceedings had that the said road may be established as a public highway —

August 1830.

Signed by John Sedgwick & others.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of Sept. 1830. On the petition aforesaid. Ordered that said Commissioners will meet at the house of John Sedgwick in Palmer on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. next at 8 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Palmer & Brimfield each with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in each of said Towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. — The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to Joel Norcross Esq. one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice Chairman

Hampden ss. Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 1830. Pursuant to the within Order I have served the Town Clerks of the town of Palmer & Brimfield each with an attested copy of the aforesaid Petition and Order and posted up abstracts thereof in two public places in each of said Towns. William H. Foster D. Shff

Servies 60	4 notices 40	} 2.40
Travel 40	2 copies 1.00	

And the above petition was considered at the meeting of 2<sup>d</sup> Nov. 1830. at the Hampden ss. Nov. 30 1830. The County Comrs for the County aforesaid having given notice to all persons and corporations interested according to the foregoing order and also caused a copy of said petition & order of notice thereon to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Journal & advertiser a newspaper printed in S. County the last publication being fourteen days before the time of said meeting met all persons & corporations known to be interested according to said order of notice & proceeded to view & examine the route for a road as mentioned in the petition aforesaid. & after viewing the same and hearing all persons & corporations who wished to be heard & duly considered the subject. Report. That in the opinion of said Comrs. The public convenience & necessity require that a highway should be laid out beginning near said Sedgwick's & following the old road most of the way to the house of Jesse King then to follow the valley of the Chicopee River upon either side of the same, as it shall be thought most for the public good, or upon both sides as the Comrs. may determine before locating the same to the line of the Town of Western in the County of Worcester.

All which is submitted

"N. B. for adjudication of this Report by Comrs see page 33 38<sup>th</sup> of this Book. H

Caleb Rice

Joel Norcross

R. I. & Co.

} County  
Comrs.



To the Hon. Commissioners for laying Roads &c. for the County of Hampden.  
Your petitioners beg leave to represent that for a long time both Pet.  
we in common with other of our Fellow Citizens have suffered much trouble for a Road  
inconvenience & expense from being deprived of a good and open communication in Chicopee  
to the Connecticut River at Chicopee; and would further represent that to the  
best knowledge of your petitioners no county or town Road is now open to said river  
from the upper part of Springfield Street to Willimansett. Your petitioners  
are of opinion that public convenience requires an open avenue to said Connect-  
icut River at some place between the meeting house in Chicopee Street, &  
the dwelling House of Frederick Chapin in said Street. And would therefore  
pray Your Honorable Body to lay a Road from the said Street to said River  
at some place between the said Meeting House, & the dwelling house of  
Frederick Chapin, as you in your judgment shall deem proper.  
Springfield. March 22. 1832. Levi Hedman & others

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said  
County at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April 1832. On the petition aforesaid  
Ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested therein that said  
Commissioners will meet at the house of Sumner Chapin in Springfield on the 16<sup>th</sup>  
day of May next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, by publishing an attested copy of said  
petition and this order therein. Three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican  
a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least  
before the time of said meeting. At which time & place said Commissioners will  
proceed to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear  
all persons and corporations interested therein.

William Bliss Chairman

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the Co. Com. on the  
second Tuesday of April 1832, and was continued from meeting to meeting  
to this meeting, and now at this meeting it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

To the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Chicopee M. Co.  
at their Session April 1832. The Chicopee Manufacturing Company respect Pet. for  
fully represent that the public convenience & necessity require that the County alteration of  
Road leading from the house of Rodolphus Perry in Springfield to the south Road  
end of Chicopee bridge, should be so far altered as to lay the same in nearly  
a straight line from the northeast corner of S. Perry's homelot through  
land of the petitioners to the south end of the bridge & passing westerly of  
the present road. They therefore pray that the same may be altered accord-  
ingly — April 11. 1832. — The Chicopee Manuf. Co.

by Geo. Bliss Agent

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said  
County at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April 1832 On the  
petition aforesaid. Ordered, that said Commissioners will meet at the  
house of Austin Chapin in Springfield on the 16 day of May next at  
2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to  
the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations  
interested therein. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County  
or his Deputy save the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said  
petition and this order therein. Thirty days at least, & post up in two public places



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in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to the subscriber one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. - Wm. Bliss Chairman

Hampden Co. April 13. 1832. Pursuant to the foregoing Order I have served the Town Clerk of Springfield with a true and attested copy of the petition aforesaid & order of notice thereon & posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

Hampden Co. May 15. 1832. The County Commissioners for said County, having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the subject matter of the foregoing petition, pursuant to the foregoing order of notice, & by causing a copy of said petition & order of notice thereon, to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper printed in said County. The last publication being fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. This day met all persons & corporations known to be interested and proceeded to view the route for a highway as prayed for in said petition. After viewing the same & hearing all persons & corporations that wished to be heard, the said Commissioners having duly considered the subject. Report that in their opinion common convenience & necessity require that the alteration prayed for in said petition should be made and established vis. from the land of Rodolphus Perry to Chippee bridge. -

William Bliss

Isaac Norcross

Reuben Boies Jr.

} County  
} Commrs

Which report being made & read at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June 1832. was accepted and the alteration therein described adjudged by said County Commissioners to be of common convenience & necessity & ordered to be laid out or altered. -

And at said last mentioned meeting it was further ordered by said Commissioners as follows. vis.   
Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June 1832. On the petition aforesaid. Ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Austin Chapin in Springfield on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of October next at 2 O'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate and establish an highway upon the petition aforesaid; and to hear all persons and corporations interested therein on the subject of damages. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order. Thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Springfield an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to the subscriber one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

William Bliss Chairman

Hampden Co. Sep. 19. 1832 By virtue of the foregoing order I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with a true & attested copy of the petition aforesaid & order of notice by giving the same to him, & also posted up in two public places in Springfield an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff



And this petition was further continued to this term and make their report in writing as follows. viz. *Hampden ss. Oct. 25. 1832* The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested according to the foregoing order & also by publishing three weeks successively an abstract containing the substance of said petition together with a notice of the time place and purpose of the meeting in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed in the said County the last publication being at least fourteen days before the time of said meeting this day met pursuant to said notice and Reuben Boies Jr. being absent & unable to act on said petition the Comrs present viz. Wm. Bliss & J. Norcross summoned Robert Emery the Special County Commissioner to appear & act in the stead of S. Boies. They then proceeded to locate & establish an alteration of the present County road as follows. viz. beginning at a stake standing 6 p links westerly of the N. W. corner of the southerly abutment of the Lower Chicopee Bridge & run thence S. 13° 15' W. 14 r 6 l. to a stone monument on the South bank of the Canal: thence from said monument S. 32° 30' E. 46 r 21 l. to a stake at the corner of land now owned by Rodolphus Perry. Said road is laid wholly over land of the petitioners & by their Agent relinquish all claim to damages. Said road is laid three rods wide & the line is run on the westerly side of said road. Said road is to be well turnpiked & raised between the Canal & Chicopee bridge & the road between the Canal & the foot of the hill by S. Perry's land to be well gravelled so as to make a hard & permanent road. Said Road to be completed on or before the first day of June next to the acceptance of the County Commissioners all which is submitted.

William Bliss } County Seal  
Joel Norcross } Commr. & Seal  
Robert Emery } Special Comr. & Seal

Which Report being read and considered is accepted by the County Commissioners & ordered to be recorded.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, Joseph Abbott  
The undersigned inhabitants & freeholders of the Town of Chester in said County humbly shew that a private way or Town road leading from the Wolcott House so called Road in Chester thence Easterly ninety rods to intersect the road North of Capt. Rufus Timber in said Town is much wanted & that although the Selectmen of said Town have laid out such way & reported the same to the Town yet the Town has unreasonably refused to approve & allow the same by which refusal your petitioners consider themselves aggrieved. They therefore pray your Honors would accept & approve of the order of notice said private way laid out as aforesaid & direct the same to be recorded in the Town book or locate the above described way a County road as your Honors in your wisdom shall see fit and as in duty bound will ever pray  
Chester May 30. 1832.

Signed Joseph Abbott & others

*Hampden ss.* At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June 1832. On the petition aforesaid. Ordered. That said Commissioners will meet at the house of Rufus Timber in Chester on the 23. day of October next at 11 O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein. And it is further ordered. That the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town clerk of Chester with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereof thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Chester an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the



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time of said meeting. - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with your doings, to Reuben Boies Jr. one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. William Bliss, Chairman

Hampden ss. Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 1832 By virtue of the foregoing order I have served the Town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of the foregoing petition & order of notice by giving the same to him, & I have also posted up in two public places in sd. Chester an abstract containing the substance of sd. petition more than fourteen days previous to sd. meeting - C. Rice Sheriff

\* Hampden ss. Oct. 11. 1832. The County Commissioners for the County of Hampden having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition, according to the above order of notice, & also caused a copy of sd. petition with the order thereon, to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican & Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication being at least fourteen days before the time of said meeting, met all persons & corporations at the time & place in sd. order of notice mentioned, & proceeded to view the way in said petition mentioned as having been laid out by the Selectmen of the town of Chester as & for a town way, - and now after viewing said way, & hearing all persons & corporations that chose to be heard, the sd. Commissioners Report, that in their opinion the way laid out by sd. Selectmen to wit, as follows, "a highway or town road 24 rods wide, beginning at the road near the Wolcott house so called, thence East 10° North on the line between Capt Rufus Tinker & James Bells heirs to the road north of Capt R. Tinkers - being a distance of ninety rods" - ought to be accepted & approved and the sd. Commissioners do hereby accept & approve said highway or town road as & for a town road as laid out by sd. Selectmen, & direct the same to be recorded in the Town Book of sd. Town of Chester according to the Law in such case provided.

William Bliss } Seal  
Jed Norcross } Copy & Seal  
Reuben Boies Jr. } Comm. & Seal

Which Report being read and considered is accepted by the County Commrs. & ordered to be recorded.

# To The Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden The undersigned inhabitants & freeholders of the Town of Chester in said County Humbly Show, That a private way or Town Road leading from the Wolcott House, (so called) thence Easterly ninety rods to intersect the road North of Capt Rufus Tinkers in said Town is much wanted and that although the Selectmen of said Town have laid out such way and reported the same to the Town, yet the Town has unreasonably refused to approve and allow the same by which refusal your Petitioners consider themselves aggrieved. They therefore pray your Honors would accept and approve of the said private way, laid out as aforesaid, and direct the same to be recorded in the Town book, & locate the above described way a County Road, as your Honors in your wisdom shall see fit, and as in duty bound will ever pray.

Chester May 30. 1832. signed Joseph Abbott & others

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June 1832. On the petition aforesaid. Ordered That notice be given to all persons & corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the house of Rufus Tinker in Chester on the 23 day of October next at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, by publishing an attested



copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting, at which time and place said Commissioners will proceed to view according to the prayer of said petition, & after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein.

and the aforesaid petition was continued to the meeting of s<sup>d</sup> Commis<sup>s</sup> on the first Tuesday of October last past & made the following Report. viz. ~~see~~ see page 43

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden. Respectfully, Allen Melcott represent your petitioners that a new Road is necessary from the top of Clay-hill in s<sup>d</sup> Westfield to the ~~X~~ or near it: - and that several alterations are necessary in the for a Road in old road from the ~~X~~ to Connecticut river near the house of Eben<sup>s</sup>. Jones Jun<sup>r</sup> in W<sup>est</sup> Springfield: - that the road from Connecticut River to Chicopee Street in Springfield & Westfield &c field would much better accommodate the travel by being so altered as to intersect the Street between the homelots of Frederick Chapin & Harvey Chapin: your petitioners therefore pray that the aforesaid route for a new road & the alterations proposed may be viewed & such further proceedings had thereon as the public good requires

Allen Melcott & others

March 1832.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April 1832. On the petition aforesaid Ordered that said Commissioners will meet at the house of Lyman Smith in Westfield on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerks of Springfield, Westfield and West Springfield each with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least, & post up in two public places in said Towns respectively an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with your doings, to William Bliss, one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

William Bliss Chairman

Hampden Co. April 13. 1832. Pursuant to the foregoing order I have served the Town Clerks of Springfield & W<sup>est</sup> Springfield each, by giving them in hand a true & attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon & posted up in two public places in each of s<sup>d</sup> Towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition - And on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April aforesaid, I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with a true & attested copy of s<sup>d</sup> petition & order of notice thereon & also posted up in two public places in s<sup>d</sup> Westfield an abstract containing the substance of s<sup>d</sup> petition

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entered at a meeting of County Comm<sup>s</sup> on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of April 1832. The foregoing petition was continued to the meeting of s<sup>d</sup> Commis<sup>s</sup> on the fourth Tuesday of June last past, at which last mentioned meeting the s<sup>d</sup> Comm<sup>s</sup> made their Report on s<sup>d</sup> petition in the words following viz.

Hampden Co. May 17. 1832. The County Commissioners for said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the subject matter of the foregoing petition pursuant to the foregoing order of notice & by causing a copy of said petition & order of notice thereon to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication being fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting, this day met all persons



and corporations known to be interested & proceeded to view the route for a highway and the alterations as prayed for in said petition: after viewing the same and hearing all persons and corporations that wished to be heard the said Commissioners having duly considered the subject. Report that in their opinion common convenience and necessity require that alterations should be made of the old road in several places from Connecticut River from near the home of said Jones to the X so called, and that from the X a new road should be laid to Clay Hill following the present road to some point between Pond Brook and Sand Hill so called & thence running in the most convenient course to Clay Hill

William Bliss

Joel Norcross

Reuben Boies Jr.

County

Commrs

Which Report being read & considered by s<sup>d</sup> County Commissioners at s<sup>d</sup> June meeting, was accepted, and the new road & alterations therein prayed for adjudged of common convenience & necessity & ordered to be laid out.

And the aforesaid petition was further continued to the meeting of s<sup>d</sup> C. Com<sup>rs</sup> as follows. viz. Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the first Tuesday of October 1832. On the petition aforesaid, Ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Loring Lane in Westfield on the fourteenth day of November next at One o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate and establish an highway upon the petition aforesaid: and to hear all persons and corporations interested therein on the subject of damages. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerks of Westfield & West Springfield each with an attested copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, & post up in two public places in said towns respectively, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to the Subscriber one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

Wm. Bliss Chairman

Hampden ss. Oct. 13. 1832. By virtue of the foregoing order I have served the Town Clerks of Westfield & W. Springfield each with a true & attested copy of the petition aforesaid & order of notice thereon by giving the same in hand to them. I also posted up an abstract containing the substance of said petition in two public places in each of said Towns.

C. Rice Sheriff

And the aforesaid petition was continued to this meeting, and now the said County Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows.

Hampden ss. Nov. 14. 1832. The County Commissioners for the County of Hampden having given notice to all persons & corporations interested according to the foregoing order of notice & also caused an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof & the order thereon to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper printed in said County. The last publication being fourteen days at least before the time of meeting as aforesaid. Joel Norcross & Reuben Boies Jr. two of the standing Commissioners met & William Bliss one of said Commissioners was absent. Whereupon the s<sup>d</sup> Norcross & Boies summoned Robert Emery the Special County Commissioner to appear & act upon s<sup>d</sup> petition in the room of said Bliss, who was unable to attend. And the said Emery appearing who, together with the s<sup>d</sup> Norcross & Boies constituting the Board of Commis<sup>rs</sup>.



on the same day proceeded to lay out a new highway & to lay out & establish certain alterations of an old highway as follows viz. beginning at a stake & stones on the top of Clay Hill in Westfield at the old road to Northampton I run thence S.  $76^{\circ}$  E. 338 rods to a stake; thence S.  $86^{\circ} 30'$  E. 32 rods to a stake; thence S.  $76^{\circ} 30'$  E. 11 r. to a stake; thence S.  $41^{\circ}$  E.  $15\frac{1}{2}$  r. to a pine over the bridge marked; thence S.  $82^{\circ}$  E. 19 r. to a white birch on the top of the hill east of the swamp; thence S.  $67^{\circ}$  E. 24 r. to a marked pine staddle; thence S.  $78^{\circ}$  E.  $10\frac{1}{2}$  r. to a pine on top of hill near the old road; thence N.  $86^{\circ}$  E.  $9\frac{1}{2}$  r. to a stake; thence N.  $55^{\circ}$  E. 37 r. to a black oak; thence N.  $66^{\circ} 30'$  E. 48 r. to a stake; thence N.  $84\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 62 r. to the fence at the corner of X roads; thence East 26 r. to a stake; thence N.  $76^{\circ} 30'$  E. 21 r. to a stake on the top of hill; thence N.  $75^{\circ}$  E. 26 r. to the corner of Aaron Sibley's barn; thence N.  $86^{\circ} 30'$  E. 27 r. to a marked rock maple; thence S.  $89^{\circ}$  E. 18 r. to a stake; the road thus far to be three rods wide; then running from said stake S.  $70^{\circ}$  E. 23 r. to a stake; thence S.  $83^{\circ}$  E. 15 r. to a stake at corner of Asher Sackett's wood land; thence East 32 r. to a small poplar marked; thence N.  $75^{\circ}$  E. 16 r. to a marked tree on the Town line; thence N.  $52^{\circ} 20'$  E.  $9\frac{1}{2}$  r. to a stake; thence N.  $35^{\circ}$  E. 12 r. to a white ash staddle; thence N.  $51^{\circ} 30'$  E. 16 r. to a stake; thence N.  $58^{\circ}$  E. 75 r. (striking a Chesnut on top of hill in Elys land) to a stump & stones; thence N.  $71^{\circ}$  E.  $17\frac{1}{2}$  r. to a stake; thence N.  $58^{\circ} 30'$  E. 20 r. to a maple South side of a Brook; thence N.  $45^{\circ} 30'$  E. 21 r. to a stake; thence N.  $81^{\circ}$  E. 11 r. to a small elm near the bridge; thence S.  $85^{\circ}$  E. 9 r. to a black oak on Wm. Cooley's land; thence N.  $55^{\circ}$  E. 28 r. to a white oak; thence N.  $48^{\circ}$  E. 21 r. to an elm. On the last fifteen courses to S. Elm the road is laid four rods wide. Then running from S. Elm N.  $29^{\circ}$  E. 20 r. to an apple tree; thence N.  $42^{\circ} 30'$  E.  $55\frac{1}{2}$  r. to a stake; thence N.  $36^{\circ} 30'$  E. 32 r. to a point between two large stones in the wall at the corner of the present road; thence (crossing a road that leads northerly and Southerly) N.  $15^{\circ} 30'$  E.  $11\frac{1}{2}$  r. to a stake; thence N.  $4^{\circ} 30'$  W.  $22\frac{1}{2}$  r. to an apple tree; thence N.  $5^{\circ} 30'$  E. 22 r. to a white oak staddle; thence N.  $10^{\circ} 30'$  E. 46 r. to a corner of Benj. Ashley's wall; thence N.  $1^{\circ}$  E. 38 r. to an Elm in front of S. Ashley's house; thence N.  $4^{\circ} 30'$  W. 33 r. to a stake. Thus far, on all the foregoing courses the line was run on the Southerly side of the road laid; from S. last named stake the road is to extend each way three rods so as to make the road there six rods wide; S. stake being in the middle of the six rod road, & running thence N.  $12^{\circ} 30'$  E. 22 r. to a stake; thence N.  $26^{\circ}$  E. 36 r. to an Elm. On the last two courses the line was run in the middle of the road, & the road is laid six rods wide. Then setting off at right angles three rods from S. Elm towards Rufus S. Paines house, to a stake on the northerly line of the road laid. From S. stake the line is run on the northerly side of the road. Through the residue of the way to Connecticut River. Then from S. stake running N.  $46^{\circ} 30'$  E. 26 r. to a post in the corner of a pasture. From S. last named Elm to S. post the road is to be gradually diminished from 6 rods wide to 3 rods wide. And the road from S. post. through the residue of the way, except its termination at Connecticut River, is to be three rods wide. Then running from S. post. N.  $43^{\circ} 30'$  E. 30 r. to a stake; thence N.  $38^{\circ}$  E. 21 r. to easterly end of a rail fence; thence N.  $47^{\circ}$  E. 8 r. to a stake at cross roads; thence N.  $78^{\circ} 30'$  E. 6 r. to corner of wall at School-house; thence S.  $89^{\circ}$  E. 58 r. to corner of Elisha Ashley's stone wall; thence N.  $34^{\circ}$  E. 45 r. to a stake; thence N.  $39^{\circ} 30'$  E. 23 r. to a Chesnut; thence N.  $50^{\circ} 30'$  E. 14 r. to a stake; thence N.  $68^{\circ} 30'$  E. 36 r. to a stake near



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The brook: Thence N.  $42^{\circ}30'E$ . 21 r. to a stake near S. Ashleys wall on  
 The hill: Thence N.  $68^{\circ}E$ . 40 r. to easterly corner of S. Ashleys shed:  
 Thence N.  $70^{\circ}30'E$ . 31 r. to a stake: Thence N.  $59^{\circ}E$ . 13 r. to stake:  
 Thence N.  $54^{\circ}E$ . 46 r. to stake: Thence N.  $81^{\circ}30'E$ . 19 r. to stake: Thence  
 S.  $80^{\circ}30'E$ . (crossing Southampton road) 24 r. to a stake: Thence S.  $86^{\circ}$   
 E. 15 r. to stake: Thence S.  $72^{\circ}E$ . 12 r. to stake: Thence S.  $84^{\circ}30'E$ . 27 p. r.  
 to stake near corner of Ab<sup>m</sup> Ives lot: Thence N.  $84^{\circ}E$ . (over the brook) 18 r.  
 to stake: Thence S.  $85^{\circ}E$ . 37 p. r. to stake: Thence S.  $84^{\circ}E$ . 24 p. r. to  
 stake: Thence East 28 r. to stake: Thence S.  $83^{\circ}30'E$ . 24 r. to stake:  
 Thence S.  $79^{\circ}E$ . 8 r. to stake: Thence S.  $69^{\circ}E$ . (crossing the road & through  
 Elys land) 49 r. to stake at northerly side of old road: Thence S.  $53^{\circ}30'$   
 E. 14 r. to stake: Thence S.  $24^{\circ}E$ . 13 r. to stake: Thence N.  $37^{\circ}30'E$   
 10 p. r. to bottom of hill: Thence crossing the road S.  $76^{\circ}30'E$ . 7 p. r. to  
 stake: Thence S.  $3^{\circ}30'E$ . 16 p. r. to stake in Pat<sup>r</sup>. Elys lot near corner  
 of present path: Thence S.  $35^{\circ}E$ . 4 r. 5 l. to stake: Thence S.  $54^{\circ}E$ .  
 5 r. 8 l. to stake: Thence S.  $43^{\circ}30'E$ . 11 r. 9 l. to stake near Eben<sup>r</sup> Jones  
 East lot: Thence S.  $26^{\circ}40'E$ . 6 r. 5 l. to stake: Thence S.  $52^{\circ}E$ . 7 r. to  
 stake: Thence S.  $72^{\circ}E$ . 5 r. 17 l. to stake: Thence S.  $78^{\circ}E$ . 17 r. to Con-  
 necticut River. The road four rods back from the River to be six rods  
 wide. The travelled path is to be worked in the middle of the road as laid  
 in all cases where practicable & is to be eighteen feet wide exclusive of the  
 ditcher. On the plain in Westfield (the first 338 rods or through the  
 first course) the ground is to be broken up 30 feet wide & then moderately  
 mounded. All roots stones & stumps to be taken out of the travelled path  
 in all cases, before the road is formed and also out of the ditches in cases  
 where they would obstruct a free passage of the water. Suitable bridges, shun-  
 ways & mounds in all places where necessary. The mounds to be con-  
 structed of the best earth (attainable without too much inconvenience)  
 for resisting the action of wheels & water. A bridge is to be built of stone  
 in Elys pasture, and the road in the hollow to be raised six feet from  
 the present surface. The dirt to be taken from the easterly side in order  
 to reduce & grade the ascent. A good & substantial bridge to be con-  
 structed in Eben<sup>r</sup> Jones home lot, & the ground for the road to be raised above  
 high water mark. The dirt for that purpose to be taken from the bank above  
 the river. The descent to the River to be graduated so as not to exceed 3 feet  
 in 20 feet, and in this descent the travelled path is to be worked three rods  
 wide & one rod wide in the middle thereof is to be sufficiently gravelled to  
 make a good & firm road. All bridges & shunways are to be eighteen feet  
 wide & built of good & substantial materials. Suitable railing is to be  
 put up in all places where necessary. Until the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May next is  
 allowed to owners of wood, timber & fences to remove the same. Said  
 road is in all respects to be made in a workmanlike, substantial manner  
 & be completed to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before  
 the first day of October 1833. We have assessed damages as follows  
 viz to Caleb Williams two dollars Wm Noble, John Meller, Chas. Kel-  
 logg Harvey Champion, Frederick Fowler for Taylors hire, Ezekiel  
 Sibley & the owner between S. Kellogg & S. Champion who is unknown one  
 Dollar each, David Mosely, Rowland Dewey, Wid. - Bush two Dol-  
 lars each, Warham Sacket one Dollar fifty cents S. & Wm. Dewey three  
 Dollars, James Mosely two dollars fifty cents Wm Mosely Twenty Dollars



David Mosely Seven Dollars, Frederick Fowler Six Dollars, Aaron Sibley Ninety  
dolls, Asher Jacket Eight Dolls, Moses Ely twenty Dolls, Peletiah Ely six dolls.  
Eben Jones One hundred dolls. Ezra Bradley fifty dolls - We estimate the ex-  
pense of constructing that part of the road in the town of Westfield at three hundred  
dollars and the sum of one hundred dollars is to be paid from the County Treasury  
for that purpose to said town. The expense of making the road in West Springfield  
we estimate at seven hundred dollars and the sum of two hundred thirty three  
dollars & thirty three cents is to be allowed & paid from the County Treasury to said  
town of West Springfield - Said sums however are not to be payable till the road in said  
towns respectively shall be accepted by the leg. Comm<sup>rs</sup>.

Joel Norcross } standing & Seal  
Reuben Boris Jr. } County Commissioners & Seal  
Robert Emery } Special Commissioner & Seal

Which Report being read & considered is accepted by said County Commissioners  
& ordered to be recorded

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden ss To Enos Foote, James Cooley & Orrin Sage all free-  
(S. Seal.) holders within said County and disinterested persons. Greeting  
Whereas at the meeting of the County Commissioners for the County  
of Hampden holden at Springfield within & for said County of Hampden on the  
first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord, One thousand Eight hundred & thirty  
two, Samuel Hinckley of Northampton in the County of Hampshire preferred his  
petition representing that on the seventh day of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen  
hundred & thirty two, the County Commissioners for said County of Hampden on the  
petition of Wm. H. Squires & others laid out a County Road through the lands  
of the said Samuel situate in Granville in said County of Hampden the distance  
of two hundred rods & made report of the location of said road, which report was  
returned and accepted at a meeting of said Commissioners holden at said Spring-  
field on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year aforesaid by which report and  
the establishment of said Road it appears that said Commissioners have  
assessed as damages to the said Samuel the sum of Seventy five Dollars  
and by reason of the establishment of said road where it is at present located through  
his lands and by reason of the small amount of damages assessed to him, the  
said Samuel is greatly aggrieved as it removes the public travel from his dwelling  
houses & deprives him of the beneficial occupation of his lands and praying  
That a Jury or such a Committee as may be agreed upon may be ordered to  
be summoned by the County Commissioners to hear him in this behalf to view  
the premises and make such alterations in said road from its present location &  
render to him such additional damages as law and justice may require. The petition  
appears at the above mentioned meeting of said Commissioners, and agrees with the  
County Commissioners upon Enos Foote, James Cooley and Orrin Sage as a  
Committee to estimate said damages and make such alterations in its location  
as prayed for in said petition. Therefore Ordered by the County Commis-  
sioners That you Enos Foote, James Cooley and Orrin Sage be a Committee  
to view the premises and you are to be under oath faithfully & impartially to es-  
timate the damages sustained by the said Samuel Hinckley, or make such  
alterations as prayed for in said Petition, and you are to give due notice and reasonable  
notice to the said Samuel Hinckley and to William Bliss Esq. who is appoint-  
ed the County Commissioners agent for the County of Hampden to appear.



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before a Committee on behalf of the County Commissioners of the time & place of your meeting to view the premises and attend said service. And you are to make return of your doings herein under your hands & seals at the meeting of the County Commissioners to be held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirty two -

By order of the County Commissioners

John Ingalls Clerk

The following return of the Committee aforesaid was made to the County Commissioners and acted upon at a meeting of said Com<sup>rs</sup> on the fourth Tuesday of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1832 viz. the present term -

To the Hon. County Commissioners of the County of Hampden at their meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December Inst.

The undersigned a Committee appointed and agreed upon by said County Commissioners & Samuel Hinckley to act in lieu of a Jury upon the petition of said Hinckley for an increase of the damages allowed by said Commissioners for land of said Hinckley lying in Granville in said County taken for a road laid out upon the Petition of William H. Squires & others - having given due notice of their meeting and the parties at the house of William H. Squires - owner holder in said Granville on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Dec<sup>r</sup> Inst. the said Hinckley appearing by Patrick Boice his atty. and William Bliss appeared as agent for said County, upon consideration of the several proofs and allegations of the parties. Report that in their opinion the damages aforesaid allowed by said Commissioners ought to be increased the sum of Thirty five dollars amounting in addition to the sum allowed by said Commissioners to the sum of One hundred & ten Dollars.

Dated this Seventh day of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1832

Enos Poole & Seal

Orrin Sage & Seal

James Cooley & Seal

} Com<sup>rs</sup>

Which report of Committee being made to the County Commissioners read & considered, is accepted & cost to petitioner adjudged -

Licenses.

Sylvester Allen is Licensed as a Taverner in the house owned by Otis Meade and now occupied by him at Williamansett until the first day of April next in the Town of Springfield -

Charles Martshorn is Licensed as a Taverner in the Town of Springfield in the house formerly kept by Thaddeus Eaton near the upper water Shops called the Village Hotel until the first day of April next.

Hampden sp. Dec<sup>r</sup> 1832. The following account have been examined and allowed by the County Commissioners, & by them ordered to be paid from the County Treasury -

Samuel Hinckley Pet <sup>r</sup> drawing Committee	7.52
Simon Sanborn boards, nails & work	30.58
Goodman & Bartlett work & stock	1.50
Robert Emery team drawing stone	3.00
Martin D. Graves. Glap & setting at Jail	3.79
Caleb Rice serving notice & dis <sup>r</sup> proclamations	7.95
James Brewer flannels sheeting &c	9.36
Samuel B. Hedgett. fixing windows	1.68



William Hunt work & line for Jail 14.41  
 Samuel Bowles Publishing Cy Com<sup>r</sup>. Orders of notice &c 26.25  
 State of Connecticut damages for roads 94.00  
 Samuel Hinkley same 75.00  
 do increase by Committee 35.00  
 Samuel Curtis damages for Road 10.00  
 Hozekiah Robinson do 45.00  
 Nathan Parsons same 20.00  
 Dennis Cook Jail pole sheet Iron work &c p. bill 13.78  
 Homer Foot &c nails. Strap caps &c 2.90  
 Amasa Parsons sawing wood attending Com<sup>r</sup> meeting 4.75  
 \$401.47

Hampden sp. Dec. 27. 1832. all matters not passed upon are ordered  
 to be continued. This meeting is adjourned to Tuesday the second day of  
 April next. Attest. John Ingersoll Clerk

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden sp. At a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield  
 within and for the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of April being the same  
 day of 3<sup>d</sup> month in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & thirty three by  
 adjournment from the fourth Tuesday of December last past.

Present William Bliss Esqr Chairman

Joel Norcross Esqr

Reuben Boies Jr. Esqr } Commissioners

Licenses Granted April 2<sup>d</sup> 1833 for one year.

Licenses Granted

Luther Laflin Inn. Thomas Bradley Inn.

Blondford

Orin Sage Ret of wines no duty. Lyman Gibbs. Ret.

Luther Laflin Ret. in his Store situated near his Tavern

Albert G. Henry Inn in the North Village Lewis Collins Inn at Chester Village. Chester

Lewis Collins Ret. at Chester Village Samuel Henry Inn in the house now occupied by him

Elijah Seymour Inn Charles Phelps Inn Lyman Root Ret. Granville

do do Ret. Tim<sup>r</sup> M. Cooley 2<sup>d</sup> Ret.

Justin Loomis Inn. at same place occupied last year Russell

Abraham Bradley Inn at the same place he has occupied last year

Russell Hawley Inn. in the house he occupied last year

Enoch Doan Inn. Frederick Hatch Inn Southwick

Loring Lane Inn. at the house he now occupies north side of the Green Westfield

Lyman Smith Inn. at the house he now occupies

J. M. Parsons Inn. at the house he now occupies west side of Green

Enoch Holcomb Inn at the house he now occupies no duty

Noah Clark Inn. Elijah Arnold Ret. Ch<sup>r</sup> P. Clark Inn.

David H Merwin Ret. Roswell King Inn at the house he now  
 occupies near Morley's Bridge

Theodotia Palmer Inn. at the house she now occupies.

West Springfield

Kennay Root Ret. at the Store he now occupies - Honer Miller Inn.

Frederick Ely R. at the Store he now occupies

Frederick Strong R. at the Store he now occupies

Jamin M. Fairfield Inn. at the house where Oliver Baker now lives

Warren Clark Inn. at the house he now occupies

James Bagg Inn at the house he now occupies



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## Springfield

Silas Dawcy Ret. at the Store he now occupies  
 Elias Winshell Ret. at the Store he now occupies  
 Charles Ely Ret. at the Store he now occupies  
 Martin King Inn. at the house he now occupies  
 Ebenezer Ingraham Inn. at the house he now occupies  
 Arnold Woodworth Inn. at the house he now occupies  
 Horatio Sargeant Inn. at the house formerly owned by Eben. Russell  
 Stephen C. Russell Inn. in the house owned by Nathl. B. Mosely  
 John Curtis Ret. in the Store in Smiths Building so called on the hill  
 Dwight Smith Ret. in Joel Browns Store near the School house  
 Elisha Edwards Ret. in his own Store on Main Street  
 David M. Moore Ret. at his own Store near the paper mill on Chicopee River  
 Sylvester Allen Inn. at the house owned by Otis Skeels at Wellmansett  
 Austin Chapin's Inn. in the house formerly occupied by Joseph Chap-  
 Samuel King Inn. at the five mile house so called  
 Sylvanus Merrick Inn. in the house owned by Sable Rogers  
 Jonathan Bangs Ret. in part of Hubbards building on the hill  
 Edward F. Mosely Ret. in part of Garews Store on the Hill  
 Wells Southworth Ret. at his house near Benjamin Belchers  
 Elisha Gunn Ret. at Stockings Store on the hill  
 Harvey Chapin Inn. at the Jail house in Springf.  
 Aaron Jepson Ret. at the Jail house Store formerly used by M. B. Avery  
 Jeremy Warren Inn. at the Bates tavern stand on Main Street  
 Samuel Henry Inn. at the house owned by Thomas Sargeant  
 William Sparhawk Ret. at the Store of Henry Storns  
 Theodore Bliss Ret. at the Store he now occupies  
 Sumner Chapin Inn. at the house formerly owned by Abel Chapin  
 Daniel C. Brewer Ret. in the Store he now occupies —

## Longmeadow

Francis Burt. R. Willis Phelps Inn — Diamond Colton Inn.  
 Seth Taylor Ret. Wm. White Ret.

## Wilbraham

Benjamin Fuller Jr. Innholder at his dwelling house in North Wilbraham  
 John McGrays Inn. Thomas Glover Inn. Henry Glover Ret.  
 Pliny Cadwell Ret. Gordon B. Saxton & L. B. Wood & Co. Ret.  
 John H. Lord Inn. in the South Village in Wilbraham at the house where Ira Durley kept

## Sudlow

Ely Fuller Inn. in the house occupied by him last year  
 Ely Fuller Ret. in the Store occupied by him last year  
 Ephraim Sawin Inn. —

## Monson

Timothy Packard Ret. Rufus Flynt Ret. Amos Norcross Inn.

## Brimfield

Ichabod Bliss Inn at his Dwelling house  
 Joseph D. Browning Jr. Inn at his dwelling house  
 Ebenezer Williams Ret. at the Store occupied by him  
 Royal P. Wales Ret. at the Store occupied by him  
 Thomas Hubbard Jr. Ret. at the Store occupied by him

## Palmer

John Sedgwick Inn. in the house he now occupies  
 Abner Allen Jr. Inn. in the house lately occupied by Franklin Morgan  
 Theophilus Knight Ret. in the Centre of the Town  
 Emelius Bond Ret. at Store formerly occupied by him N.W. part of the Town  
 Pliny Cooley Inn. at Three Rivers  
 Emelius Bond Inn. at the house formerly occupied & kept by him N.W. part of the Town  
 Justin H. Clets Ret. at the Store formerly occupied by Amos Hamilton — James W. Hale Ret.



Elyah B. Babcock Ret. Leonard B. Wright Ret. Cornelius Miller. Inn.  
Baptist Wood Inn. at the House he now occupies - Orlin Anderson Ret.  
Lyman Whitman Ret. at the Store he now occupies -  
Adjourned *Sine die*

Wales  
Holland  
West Springfield

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At the meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield  
within & for the County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April being the  
ninth day of said month in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred &  
thirty three. - Present. William Bliss Esq. Chairman

Joel Norcross Esq.  
Reuben Boies J. Esq. } Com<sup>rs</sup>

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden. Humbly shews Cornelius  
Bartlett of Westfield in said County of Hampden, That by an act of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts passed the fourth day of February for Jury to  
eighteen hundred & twenty three Samuel Nickley & others were constituted a body politic estimate damages  
& corporate under the name of the Hampshire & Hampden Canal Company & by said  
act were authorized to locate and construct a navigable Canal from the Connecticut  
river in Northampton in the County of Hampshire, through the towns of Easthampton  
& Southampton in the County of Hampshire, & Westfield & Southwick in the County  
of Hampden & the said Company by said act were further authorized to connect  
with said Canal by feeders or by navigable canals any rivers or streams and that by the  
act of Incorporation aforesaid after the location of said Canal & feeders, three commis-  
sioners were to be appointed by the Court of Sessions for the County of Hampshire to esti-  
mate all damages which any person or persons whose lands are described or mentioned  
in the report of location will sustain and whereas the aforesaid Canal was located over  
the land of your petitioner in said Westfield from the highway 33 1/4 chains averaging  
six rods wide to Henry Douglass land. And whereas the said Commissioners have  
been upon the aforesaid land and appraised the damage your petitioner has sustained  
by reason of said Canal passing through the land of your petitioner as aforesaid and  
made return thereof to the Court of Sessions aforesaid on the first Tuesday of September  
last, which report was then & there accepted by said Court the amount of damages asse-  
ssed by said Commissioners to your petitioner being sixty dollars and your petitioner  
is greatly injured by laying of said Canal & the damages allowed to your peti-  
tioner is greatly inadequate to compensate him therefor, he therefore prays that a  
Jury may be summoned to assess damage to him in the premises

May 13. 1828.

Cornelius Bartlett.

The afores<sup>d</sup> Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners for the  
County of Hampden, on the second Tuesday of May A.D. 1828 and continued  
from meeting to meeting to the present meeting, and now at this meeting,  
it is Ordered by S<sup>d</sup> Comm<sup>rs</sup> That S<sup>d</sup> Petition be dismissed

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

*A Seal* Hampden ss. To John Wyles, Thomas Bond and William James Harriman  
Child all freeholders within said County & disinterested persons Pet<sup>r</sup> for Committee  
Greeting - Whereas at a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden holden at Springfield within & for said County of Hampden on the fourth  
Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirty two  
George Cotton of Springfield in said County, trustee under the last will & testament

Geo. Cotton &

Pet<sup>r</sup> for Committee

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of Thomas Bates late of said Springfield deceased, and Jeremy Warriner of Springfield aforesaid, Impleaders preferred their petition representing that heretofore to wit on the first day of October now last past the County Commissioners for said County met & proceeded to lay out a certain County road or highway on the petition of Charles Stearns & others as follows (viz.) Beginning at a stake standing on the west side of main Street in said Springfield on a course leading South  $46^{\circ}$  W. from the Southwest corner of Dwight's South Store four rods & six links & measuring from the Northwest corner of Carew's building six rods & three & an half links and running from said stake South  $47^{\circ}$  W. 23 rods to a stake on the brow of the hill. Thence S.  $48^{\circ}$  20' W. 56 rods to a stake on the bank of the river which is the northerly line of said road. Then returning for the southerly line they began at a stake on the said bank standing three rods E.  $48^{\circ}$  20' S. from the stake at the termination of the northerly line, and run thence N.  $48^{\circ}$  20' E. to a stake at the brow of the hill. Thence N.  $49^{\circ}$  40' E. to a point on the westerly side of main Street three rods & sixteen links from the stake where the running of the northerly line of the road commenced. And the said board reported said laying out, - and also further reported that the owners of buildings on the location for said road were to be allowed to permit said buildings to remain ten years from the date of said location (all other obstructions and incumbrances to be removed in six months therefrom) They also reported that they had assessed damages for land taken for said road as follows (viz.) To the said Jeremy Warriner one Dollar & for the heirs & devisees of P. Thomas Bates dec'd to said George Colton Trustee four hundred dollars, and that the other owners of land relinquished all claim to damages, and that the travelled path of said road should be wrought at least 25 feet wide in all parts that are or may be unobstructed and in the parts obstructed to be as wide as convenience will allow to be done by the first day of June then next to the acceptance of said Commissioners and your petitioners further represent that said report of the doings aforesaid was made & returned to said board of Commissioners at their meeting holden within & for said County on the first Tuesday of October then next and now last past & then & there accepted - and the location and other proceedings aforesaid were by said Commissioners then & there accepted confirmed & established - and the petitioners further representing that the buildings standing on said location are valuable three story tavern house and outbuildings thereto belonging occupied by the said Jeremy Warriner - that said road located as aforesaid runs from 18 to 21 feet under said Tavern house from front to rear on the northerly side thereof & so far under the barns & some other outbuildings as to require their removal, and the said Colton & Warriner say that they are greatly aggrieved by the doings of said Commissioners in the location of said road in manner aforesaid, and in the assessing of the damages aforesaid, in this to wit, that the said road is not located in such manner as best to promote the public convenience with the least damage to private property, and that the damages assessed as aforesaid are entirely inadequate and insufficient in amount, & praying that a jury may be ordered (or a Committee if the parties shall agree thereto) in manner as the law provides to review the road so laid as aforesaid, and to make such alterations of any part of the same (as reported by said Commissioners) as they may find that the public good with a due regard to private property may require, or to discontinue any or every part thereof as they shall find the public good requires - also to consider & assess such amount of damages to said petitioners in case said road shall not be discontinued as they may deem just & equitable -



The petitioners appeared at the above mentioned meeting of the Commissioners and agreed with the County Commissioners upon John Wyler, Thomas Bond & William Child as a committee to estimate said damages and make such alterations in said location, or discontinue such parts as they shall see fit as prayed for in said petition. Therefore Ordered by the County Commissioners that you John Wyler Thomas Bond & William Child be a committee to view the premises and you are to be under oath faithfully & impartially to estimate the damages sustained by the said Colton & Warriner or make such alterations or discontinue as prayed for in said petition and you are to give due & reasonable notice to said Colton & Warriner & to William Bliss Esq. who is appointed by the County Commissioners agent for the County of Hampden to appear before the Committee on behalf of the County, of the time & place of your meeting to view the premises and attend said service & you are to make return of your doings herein under your hands & seals at the meeting of the County Commissioners to be holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & thirty three -

By Order of the County Commissioners  
John Ingersoll Clerk

Return &c of the Committee on the above Petition

The subscribers appointed a Committee by the within warrant for the purposes therein expressed gave reasonable notice to George Colton, Jeremy Warriner & William Bliss agent of said County and met them pursuant to said notice at the Hampden Coffee House in Springfield on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April current and being first duly sworn to the faithful & impartial discharge of our duty, we proceeded to view the premises - and after hearing the said parties with their proofs & allegations, and upon due consideration of the premises - we are of opinion, and do adjudge and determine, that the said road be not discontinued or altered, and are also of opinion that the damages awarded by the County Commissioners should be increased, and do therefore assess the sum of Three hundred dollars, additional damages, to George Colton for the benefit of the heirs & devisees of Thomas Bates deceased, and assess no additional damages to Jeremy Warriner

A.D. 1833

Given under our hands & seals this fifth day of April

John Wyler & Seal

Thomas Bond & Seal

William Child & Seal

Which report being read & considered by the County Commissioners is by them accepted & ordered to be recorded.

Hampden ss. April 1833. The following accounts have been examined & allowed Accts all<sup>d</sup> by the County Commis<sup>rs</sup> & by them ordered to be paid from the County Treasury

Caleb Rice surveying	proceeds	\$ 7 62	J B Eldridge printing	\$ 2 25
John Ingersoll Clerk as per Bill		22 71	D. Payne Copying annual acf	2 50
Harvey Chapin dictating & printing		366 55	Amasa Parsons as per bill	17 50
Wm. Bliss Cash for Dr. Cooley Com <sup>t</sup>	6 00		Geo. Colton Trustee of the Bates Lin.	701 00
" " " John Wyler	7		Joel Wescroft Esq. bill	30 40
" " " postage of a letter	22	13 22 1/2	R. B. B. Esq. "	31 60
Thomas Bond Road Committee		3 50	William Bliss Esq. - \$1287.53	31 40
William Child " "		3 50		
William Hunt for whitewashing at said		12 50		
Justice Willard for bill		16 33		
A. G. Tammatt printing 1.4		23 15		

Hampden ss. April 13. 1833. all matters not passed upon are continued to the next meeting & this meeting is adjourned without day Attest. John Ingersoll Clerk



## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of June, being the twenty fifth day of said month, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirty three, & from day to day to the twentieth day of said month

Present: William Bliss Esq. Chairman

Joel Norcross Esq. } Commissioners

Reuben Davis Jr Esq. } R Davis p. appeared 2 day

Inhab<sup>ts</sup> of  
Montgomery  
Pet<sup>r</sup> for Road

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden: The Inhabitants of the Town of Montgomery in said County respectfully represent to your honors that the County road leading from Montgomery to Westfield is in some part of the way in a very bad state of repair and very steep and crooked, & in their opinion an alteration may be made to very great advantage to rise the mountain with more ease, and shorten the distance considerably for the public travel. — said alterations to commence at Nathan Chapman's in Montgomery & make a little alteration at the hill near his house, then making an alteration from Jos T. Allyn's old house to Sylvester Squires cider mill, then leaving the old road near S<sup>r</sup> Squires house & keep on the east side of the road now travelled to Westfield line then crossing the old road on to the west side of said road, & crossing land owned by the following persons viz. Edward Root, Enoch Root, Adnah Avery, Isaac Allen Jun<sup>r</sup>, Lucius Wright, Oren Root & Doctor Meriman, & intersect the old road near Doctor Meriman's house in Westfield. Also an other route from where it crosses the old road at Westfield line across S<sup>r</sup> Edward & Enoch Root's land, and intersect the old road a few rods northwesterly from Solomon Phelps' house in Westfield. — They therefore pray that a road from S<sup>r</sup> Nathan Chapman's in Montgomery to S<sup>r</sup> Merimans in Westfield; — and also the other route to S<sup>r</sup> Phelps may be viewed for the purpose of such alterations as and all the circumstances, shall be deemed just & reasonable.

Dated at Montgomery Octobr 4<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1831.

Oren Parks

John Crow

Ransom Clark

} Selectmen  
of Montgomery

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April 1832 On the petition aforesaid, Ordered that said Commissioners will meet at the house of Sturges Upson in Westfield on the fifth day of June next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein. — And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerks of Westfield & Montgomery each with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least and post up in two public places in each of said towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. — The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to the subscriber one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting

William Bliss Chairman

Hampden ss. April 20<sup>th</sup> 1832 By virtue of the within order I have served the Town Clerk of Westfield and Montgomery each with a true & attested copy of the within petition and order



and posted an abstract of the same, containing the substance of said petition in two public places in each of said Towns.

C. Rice Sheriff

Hampden sp. June 5<sup>th</sup> 1832. The County Commissioners for said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the subject matter of the foregoing petition pursuant to the foregoing order of notice & by causing a copy of said petition and order of notice thereon to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig a newspaper printed in said County the last publication being fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. This day met all persons and corporations known to be interested & proceeded to view the route for a highway as prayed for in said petition. After viewing the same & hearing all persons & corporations that wished to be heard, the said Commissioners, having duly considered the subject Report that in their opinion common convenience and necessity require that several alterations should be made of the present travelled road in some parts of it particularly from a point a little southerly of the house of Salmon Phelps to a point a little northerly of the line of the Towns of Westfield & Montgomery. and they further report that common convenience & necessity do not require a new road be laid as prayed for in said petition.

William Bliss

Isaac Norcross

Reuben Boies Jr

} County

} Comm<sup>rs</sup>

which report being made at a meeting of the County Commissioners for said County of Hampden holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1832. read & considered & said alterations prayed for were by said Comm<sup>rs</sup> adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity & ordered to be laid out. The new road prayed for adjudged not to be of common convenience & necessity.

And the aforesaid petition was further continued to a meeting of said C. Comm<sup>rs</sup> on the second Tuesday of April A.D. 1833. at which meeting they made the following order viz. — "Hampden sp. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April 1833. On the petition aforesaid. Ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Sturge's Upon in Westfield on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate & establish an highway upon the petition aforesaid; & to hear all persons & corporations interested on the subject of damages. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerks of Westfield & Montgomery each with an attested copy of said petition & this order. Thirty days at least, & post up in two public places in said Towns respectively an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to the subscriber one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

Wm. Bliss Chairman

Hampden sp. April 25<sup>th</sup> 1833. By virtue of the foregoing order I gave the Town Clerk of Westfield & left at the last & usual place of abode of the Town Clerk of Montgomery a copy of the petition & order of notice aforesaid, and also posted up in two public places in each of said Towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

And now the County Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows. "Hampden sp. May 29<sup>th</sup> 1833. The County Commissioners for said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested according to the foregoing Order, & also caused an abstract containing the substance of said petition, together with the order of notice of said time & place of



meeting, to be published in the Hampden Whig a newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively - The last publication being at least fourteen days before the said time of meeting. - Joel Norcross & Reuben Boies Esqs. two of said Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, & William Bliss Esq. Chairman of the board being absent and unable to attend, the said Norcross & Boies summoned Robert Emery Esq. The Special County Commissioner of said County to appear & act upon said petition. - Whereupon the said Emery appearing, the said Norcross, Boies & Emery after hearing all persons & corporations that wished to be heard, proceeded to locate and establish the alterations prayed for as follows viz. beginning at the southeast corner of Doct. Merrimans land & run thence N.  $11^{\circ}$  E. 16 r. to a stake, thence N.  $19^{\circ} 30'$  E. 10 r. to a maple marked in front of Merrimans house; thence N.  $39^{\circ}$  E. 16 r. to a stake & stones, thence N.  $13^{\circ}$  E. 7 r. 13 l. to a stake opposite School house; - thence N.  $4^{\circ} 45'$  E. 62 p. r. to stake thence N.  $1^{\circ} 30'$  W. 113 r. 4 l. to a stake, 16 l. at right angles from the N. E. corner of Baptist Church; - thence N.  $2^{\circ} 15'$  E. 16 r. 10 l. to a stake; thence N.  $22^{\circ} 15'$  W. 5 r. 4 l. to the north corner of Widd. Allens barn; thence N.  $43^{\circ}$  W. 38 r. 9 l. to a stake & stones; thence N.  $39^{\circ} 45'$  W. 28 r. to a stake & stones; - thence N.  $32^{\circ}$  W. 10 r. to a stake & stones; thence N.  $19^{\circ} 30'$  W. 9 r. 4 l. to S. E. corner of S. Phelps Factory; - thence N.  $10^{\circ} 15'$  W. 23 r. 8 l. to a stake & stones; - thence N.  $4^{\circ}$  W. 29 r. to an apple tree marked; - thence N.  $12^{\circ}$  W. 28 r. 6 l. to a hard beam tree; - thence N.  $6^{\circ}$  W. 20 r. 18 l. to a stake & stones; thence N.  $13^{\circ}$  W. 28 r. to a chestnut marked; - thence N.  $14^{\circ}$  W. 8 r. 9 l. to a stake & stones; thence N.  $5^{\circ} 45'$  W. 15 r. 20 l. to a white oak staddle opposite to a Butternut tree; - thence N.  $2^{\circ} 45'$  W. 7 r. 11 l. to a humlock; - thence N.  $25^{\circ} 30'$  W. 14 r. 12 l. to a stake & stones; - thence N.  $31^{\circ}$  W. 8 r. to a stake & stones; - thence N.  $51^{\circ}$  W. 8 r. 15 l. to a stake & stones; - thence N.  $58^{\circ} 30'$  W. 15 r. to Montgomery line thence in S. Montgomery N.  $66^{\circ} 15'$  W. 20 r. to a stake & stones; - The old road was followed for the most part & no persons were damaged more than benefitted; no damages were claimed & none allowed. - Said road is laid three rods wide & the above line was run on the westerly side of the road. Timber trees & other obstacles to be removed by owners of land before Oct. 1. 1833. and the road to be completed to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before 1st July 1834. - The travelled path to be worked 18 feet wide exclusive of the ditches unless in places where ledges prevent. - The road is to be constructed in a substantial & workmanlike manner. - The Commissioners after report their estimate of the expense of constructing said road in the Town of Westfield at Two hundred dollars, and that one hundred dollars be paid from the County Treasury for  $\frac{1}{2}$  purpose to the S. town of Westfield.

Joel Norcross & Seal } County  
Reuben Boies Jr. & Seal } Comm<sup>rs</sup>  
Robert Emery & Seal } Special Comm<sup>r</sup>

which report being read & considered, is accepted by the County Commissioners & ordered to be recorded.

The<sup>r</sup> Ashley's Pet<sup>r</sup> for survey & Increase of damages. To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden. Humbly shews, Thomas Ashley of Westfield in said County Gentleman, that by an act of the Legislature of Massachusetts passed the fourth day of February Eighteen hundred & thirty three, Samuel Amosley & others were constituted a body politic and corporate under the name of the Hampshire & Hampden Canal Company & by said act were authorised to locate & establish construct a navigable canal from the



Connecticut river in Northampton in the County of Hampshire aforesaid through the Towns of Easthampton & South Hampton in the County of Hampshire & Westfield & Southwick in the County of Hampden. & The said Company by said Act were further authorized to connect with said Canal by feeders or by navigable canals any river or streams - and that by the Act of incorporation aforesaid after the location of said canal & feeders, Three commissioners were to be appointed by the Court of Sessions for the County of Hampshire to estimate all damage which any person or persons whose lands are described or mentioned in the report of said location will sustain. & whereas the aforesaid Canal was located over & across the land of your petitioner in said Westfield viz across one piece north of the Montgomery road & south of Jared Briggs (in the report of location called Thomas Sheldons land) averaging five rods wide. Also one other piece bounded South on Hiram Owen & North on Enoch Root averaging five rods wide - and the said Commissioners have been upon the land so located as aforesaid & appraised the damage sustained & to be sustained by your petitioner in consequence of the location of said canal at twenty dollars for crossing the first mentioned piece & nothing for the last described piece & made due return of their proceedings in the premises & the same has been accepted, & whereas said sum is by no means equal to actual damage which has been & will be sustained by your petitioner by reason of said canal having been located & passing over & across the land of your petitioner as aforesaid. he therefore prays that a Jury may be summoned to assess to him his reasonable damages agreeable to the statute in such cases provided.

May 13<sup>th</sup> 1828.

Thomas Ashley.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden St. To the Sheriff of the County of Hampden. Greeting  
At Seal Humbly shews Thomas Ashley of Westfield in said County Gentleman  
That by an act of the Legislature of Massachusetts passed the fourth day of February Eighteen hundred & twenty three Samuel Hinckley & others were constituted a body politic & corporate under the name of the Hampshire & Hampden Canal Company & by said act were authorized to locate and construct a navigable Canal from the Connecticut river in Northampton in the County of Hampshire through the Towns of Easthampton & South Hampton in the County of Hampshire, & Westfield & Southwick in the County of Hampden, and the said Company by said act were further authorized to connect with said Canal by feeders or by navigable Canal any river or streams, and that by the act of incorporation aforesaid after the location of said canal and feeders, Three Commissioners were to be appointed by the Court of Sessions for the County of Hampshire to estimate all damages which any person or persons whose lands are described or mentioned in the report of said location, will sustain. & whereas the aforesaid Canal was located over & across the land of your petitioner in said Westfield, viz across one piece north of the Montgomery road & South of Jared Briggs (in the report of Location called Thomas Sheldons land) averaging five rods wide - Also one other piece bounded South on Hiram Owen & North on Enoch Root, averaging five rods wide - And the said Commissioners have been upon the land so located as aforesaid & appraised the damages sustained & to be sustained by your petitioner in consequence of the location of said Canal, at twenty dollars for crossing the first mentioned piece; and nothing for the last described piece and made return of their proceedings in the premises, and the same has been accepted, & whereas said sum is by no means equal to actual damages which has been & will be sustained by your petitioner by reason of said canal having been located & passing over & across the land of your petitioner as aforesaid he therefore prays that a Jury



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may be summoned to assess to him his reasonable damage agreeable to the Statute in such cases provided.

Thomas Ashley

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty eight by adjournment from the first Tuesday of April A.D. 1828, and continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of said County Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April A.D. 1833, at which term it was ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County of Hampden should summon a jury in manner provided by law for the purpose mentioned in said petition - You are therefore required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereby forthwith to summon a Jury of Twelve men for the purposes aforesaid by making application to the Selectmen of four or more disinterested towns in said County who shall draw out of the Jury box of the Supreme Judicial Court of their respective towns so many Jurors as you shall require not exceeding three from any one town, and if by accident or challenge there should happen not to be a full jury you are to fill the pannell, detatibus, circumstantibus - as in all other cases - which said Jury so summoned are to be under oath for the faithful performance of said service & shall hear & finally determine the complaint of the said petition above recited - and when said Jury shall have agreed on their Verdict, they shall make out the same under their hands & seals & return the same to the Court of Common Pleas to be holden within & for said County next after they shall have agreed upon their verdict, that the same may be adjudicated upon by said Court - You are also to give notice to all persons & companies & corporations interested, of the time when the said Jury shall hear and determine said complaint, and you are to make return of your own travel & attendance & that of each Juror. Witness William Bliss Esq. at Springfield this tenth day, of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three.

John Ingersoll Clerk

Hampden Co. June 13. 1833. Personally appeared Simon Sanborn Rodney Holt, Gideon Gardner, Ethan Button, Stephen Bedortha, Thomas Liswell, Solomon Smith, Gardis Gillet, Harrison Foote, Calvin Stebbins, Wilder C. Pease, & Joshua Stanton Jr. who were in pannell as a Jury by Caleb Rice Esq. Sheriff of said County & made solemn oath that they would faithfully and impartially estimate the damages that have been or will be sustained by Thomas Ashley of Westfield occasioned by the location of the Hampshire & Hampden Canal over & across his lands, & that they would render a true verdict therein according to law & the evidence that should be given them. Before me

Patrick Boise Justice of the Peace

Pursuant to this warrant I made application to the selectmen of the Towns of Springfield, Southwick, W. Springfield & Wilbraham four disinterested towns in said County, requiring them to draw from the Jury box of each of said Towns the names of three good & lawful men to serve on the Jury herein ordered, & the said Selectmen made due return thereof as follows, to wit. Simon Sanborn, Gideon Gardner & Rodney Holt were returned from Springfield, Thomas Liswell, Ethan Button & Stephen Bedortha from W. Springfield, Solomon Smith, Gardis Gillet & Harrison Foote from Southwick, Calvin Stebbins, Joshua Stanton Jr. & Wilder C. Pease from Wilbraham as appears by the certificates of the Selectmen of each of said towns herewith returned - I summoned each of said



persons so returned as Jurors to appear before me on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833 at 9. O'clock, in the forenoon at the house of Israel M. Parsons in Westfield & I gave notice to the parties of the time & place of the impannelling, said Jury. And on said 13<sup>th</sup> day of June I proceeded to impannel said Jurors. I caused them to be sworn before Patrick Boice Esq. one of the Justices of the Peace in & for said County, as appears by the above certificate. And after said Jury had chosen a foreman by ballot viewed the premises & fully heard the parties, I caused them to be by themselves, when they agreed upon & sealed up their verdict which is herewith returned.

C. Rice Sheriff

The Jury impannelled as above mentioned, agreed upon a verdict in the words following, viz. The Jury impannelled by Caleb Rice Esq. Sheriff of the County of Hampden, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833 to estimate the damages occasioned by the location & construction of the Hampshire & Hampden Canal over & across the land of Thomas Ashley in Westfield in S. County, being first sworn, & having chosen Simon Sanborn by ballot as foreman, & having viewed the premises described in said petition & fully heard the parties & duly considered the subject, do find that the said Thomas Ashley for damage done to his Ice farm so called, bounded North on Enos Root & South on Hiram Owen do have & recover of said Canal Company the sum of thirty six dollars for his damages as aforesaid. & for damages to the first piece of land described in said petition, lying north of the Montgomery road & South of Jared Brags' land, do have & recover the sum of fifty dollars of said Canal Company, as a full compensation for all damages which have or will accrue to said Ashley for said pieces of land, occasioned by the opening of said Canal. Witness our hands & Seals this fifteenth day of June 1833.

Simon Sanborn foreman & Seal

Calvin Stetson & Seal

Gideon Gardner & Seal

Thomas Liswell & Seal

Harrison Fote & Seal

Joshua Staunton Jr. & Seal

Solomon Smith & Seal

Wilder C. Plase & Seal

Sardis Gillet & Seal

Ethan Button & Seal

Stephen Bodurtha & Seal

Rodney Holt & Seal

The Exceptions filed before the Sheriff are as follows.

Thos. Ashley, Pet<sup>r</sup>

The H & H Canal Co. Resp<sup>t</sup> } Before C. Rice Sheriff June 13<sup>th</sup> 1833.

This was a trial before a Jury in the County for the assessment of damages under the provision of the Act incorporating the Hampshire & Hampden Canal Co. The Pet<sup>r</sup> having appealed from the doings of the Com<sup>r</sup> in assessing damages. The Jury viewed the Canal as made across the land of S. Ashley or supposed to be described in the pet<sup>r</sup>.

The Resp<sup>t</sup> contended that as the petition set forth a claim for damages in locating the Canal across one piece north of the Montgomery road & South of Jared Brags (in the report of location called Thomas Sheldons land) The Pet<sup>r</sup> was held to prove what land was called Thomas Sheldons land in the location, & that he was limited to proof of damages to such land.

It was held that Pet<sup>r</sup> might prove damage to any land belonging to him north of the Montgomery road & South of Jared Brags' land, across which the Canal was made, - it being Jared Brags' land, which is called Thomas Sheldons land in report of location.



The Resp<sup>t</sup> for the purpose of shewing the benefits & advantages which Pet<sup>r</sup> derived from the opening the canal, offered evidence to prove that S<sup>r</sup> Ashley owned a tract of land in S<sup>r</sup> Westfield, situated between the two tracts named in his petition & lying within 20 rods of the Canal, which was formerly wet land & not capable of cultivation & that since the opening the Canal it had become dry & was rendered fit for cultivation & greatly increased in value.

Also that said Ashley owned a Store in the Village in S<sup>r</sup> Westfield & within 18 or 20 rods of the Canal, which before the Canal was opened could not be leased by S<sup>r</sup> Ashley, but that since the Canal was opened it was more valuable to the amount of from 30 to 50 per cent. The rents had since that time risen from \$35 the first year to \$90. - The rent of the present year.

Also that S<sup>r</sup> Ashley owned a homestead & other valuable real estate in S<sup>r</sup> Westfield & within half a mile of S<sup>r</sup> Canal which had increased in value since the opening S<sup>r</sup> Canal to the amount of between one & two thousand dollars.

This evidence was rejected. It was held that the advantages must be confined to the real estate in question, & not extended to land thro' which the Canal did not pass. - The Resp<sup>t</sup> then contended that the Jury ought to consider the two tracts of land together in relation to benefit, that if in their opinion one tract was injured & the other benefited more than the injury to both they must find a verdict for less damage or no damage at all. - It was held that each tract of land must be considered distinct & separate & that the benefit to the one could not be an offset for the damage to the other. To this opinion Resp<sup>t</sup> except.

The Resp<sup>t</sup> proved the value of the Pet<sup>r</sup> land taken for the Canal by the testimony of a witness. The Resp<sup>t</sup> then offered to prove by the same witness the sale of lands in the vicinity within two years past & of the price paid therefor & of the relative value of the two tracts of land. - The evidence was rejected.

*Hampden Co. June Term 1833*  
This Warrant being made returnable to this Court, and having been returned here, and it appearing to the Court of S<sup>r</sup> Canal, except the record of such location. - It was held that the Canal being made across the land of the Pet<sup>r</sup> mentioned in his petition, that was prima facie evidence of location. - No evidence was offered in relation to the original location. - To this opinion Resp<sup>t</sup> except.

The Resp<sup>t</sup> objected to the introduction of any evidence to prove the location of the Canal, except the record of such location. - It was held that the Canal being made across the land of the Pet<sup>r</sup> mentioned in his petition, that was prima facie evidence of location. - No evidence was offered in relation to the original location. - To this opinion Resp<sup>t</sup> except.

It was agreed by The parties that the act incorporating the H & H Canal Co. should be taken as part of the Case. -

The above were the exceptions of the Resp<sup>t</sup> to the admission of evidence according as I understood them both from my own minutes & those furnished by Resp<sup>t</sup>. C. Rice Sheriff

And now at this meeting it is ordered by the County Com<sup>rs</sup> that the verdict of the Jury be accepted & the exceptions overruled & judgment for Costs.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
To the Sheriff of the County of Hampden or his deputy,  
Greeting  
To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, whose meeting is to be holden at Springfield within & for said County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April A.D. 1833.

Respectfully complains & represents Lucina Merrick of Palmer in said County widow Guardian of George Benjamin Merrick, Harriet Merrick, Franklin C. Merrick Charles D. Merrick & John S. Merrick minor children & heirs at Law of

Benj<sup>a</sup> Converse  
et al. Pet<sup>r</sup> for jury  
to recover damages

Hampden Co.  
At Seal

Sole Justice  
C. C. Pleas



Benjamin Merrick late of said Palmer deceased — Benjamin Converse, John Fenton  
Wilson Brainard, Jesse King & Isaac King all of Palmer aforesaid Yeomen and  
Oliver Ferry, Samuel Shaw and Stephen Powers all of Brimfield in said County  
Yeomen — Joseph Ramsdell & Homer Ramsdell both of Western in the County  
of Worcester Yeomen, and Pardon Allen of said Western Yeoman Guardian of  
Miria Sterns Tyler, & Sarah Jane Tyler & Julian Tyler minor children  
& heirs at law of Amos Tyler late of said Palmer deceased That heretofore, to wit  
on the sixteenth day of October A.D. 1832 The County Commissioners for said County  
of Hampden, on the petition of John Sedgwick & others proceeded to complete the  
location & survey of a County road — Beginning at a stake & stones a little easterly  
of Bugbees Mill in said Palmer & running to an elm at the Turnpike road  
near the dwelling house of George & Cassandam Hodges in the courses & distan-  
ces mentioned in a report of the same road made by said Commissioners which  
said report of the location of said road was returned & accepted at a meeting  
of S. Commissioners holden at Springfield aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday of Decem-  
ber last past — and the location of said road & other proceedings of said Com-  
missioners relative to the same road were then & there accepted, confirmed and  
established — That the said County road passes over & across a certain tract of land  
Palmer whereof the S. George Benjamin, Harriet, Franklin C., Charles D., &  
John S. Merrick, minor children & heirs at law as aforesaid at the time of the  
location of said County road were & still are seized in fee as tenants in common in  
equal shares — which said County road begins in their S. tract of land at a  
stake & stones a little easterly of Bugbees Mill aforesaid, and runs thence South  
89 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° East 23 rods to a stake & stones, thence South 79 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° East 16 rods to a stake  
& stones, thence South 68 $\frac{1}{4}$ ° East 107 rods to Cherry tree, thence South 74° 40'  
East 14 rods to the east line of Benjamin Converse land — The said County  
road also passes over and across a certain tract of land lying in S. Palmer whereof  
the said Benjamin Converse then was and still is seized in his demesne as of  
fee, commencing in S. last tract at the East line of said Benjamin Merricks  
heirs land thence South 74° 40' East 86 rods to a stake, thence South 85 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° East  
24 rods to a stake in the fence, thence North 76° East 35 rods to John Fentons  
west line — The said County road also passes over & across a certain tract of  
land lying in S. Palmer whereof the said John Fenton then was & still is —  
seized in his demesne as of fee, which said road commences in said last  
tract at the East line of S. Benjamin Converse land, thence North 73° East  
52 rods to a stake & stones, 3 rods Southeasterly of an oak tree, thence North  
71° East 37 rods to a stake & stones, thence North 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° East 22 rods to a stake  
near the northwest corner of S. Fentons woodhouse, thence North 45° 44' East 10  
rods to a stake in the old road. — The said County road also passes over & across  
a certain tract of land lying in Palmer aforesaid whereof the said Oliver  
Ferry then was & still is seized in his demesne as of fee which said County  
road after crossing from the last boundary over the old road runs thence North  
29° East about 40 rods, thence in the same course about 80 rods to a pine tree —  
The S. County road also passes over & across a certain tract of land whereof  
the S. Wilson Brainard then was & still is seized in his demesne as of fee, —  
which S. County road commences upon S. Brainards land at a stake & stones  
opposite to S. Brainards land at a stake & stones opposite to S. Brainards house  
& 6 rods & 3 links therefrom, thence North 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ ° East 60 rods to the west  
side of an oak, thence North 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° East one & a half rod to land of Jesse King —  
The said County road also passes over & across a certain tract of land lying in said Palmer



whereof the s<sup>d</sup> Jesse King then was and still is seized in his demesne as of fee, which said County road commences upon the line of s<sup>d</sup> Brainards land near said white oak & runs thence North  $10\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  East 18 rods to a stake & stones 20 links north westerly of the N. W. corner of s<sup>d</sup> Jepses Cider mill. Thence North  $13\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  East 4 rods & 8 links to a stake & stones. Thence North  $23\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  East 7 rods & 8 links to a stake on the South of the old road. Thence North  $57^{\circ}$  East 6 rods 5 links to a stake at the bars. Thence North  $82\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  East seven rods 2 links to a stake. Thence North  $89^{\circ}$  East 7 rods 7 links to the south end of the west abutment of the County bridge. — The said County road also passes over & across a certain tract of land in Brimfield aforesaid whereof the said Isaac King then was and still is seized in his demesne as of fee commencing upon s<sup>d</sup> Isaacs land at a stake & stones at fork of roads. Thence North  $57\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  East 20 rods to a stake by the wall at the old road. — The said County road also passes over & across a certain tract of land lying in s<sup>d</sup> Brimfield, whereof the said Samuel Shaw then was & still is seized in his demesne as of fee commencing at the end of a stone wall near the dwelling house occupied by Samuel Shaw Jun<sup>r</sup>. Thence North  $31\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  East 31 rods to a marked elm. Thence North  $15\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  East 23 rods 15 links to a walnut tree, & in the same course 38 rods to a stake. Thence North  $0^{\circ} 30'$  West 40 rods to the road near the bridge. — The said County road also passes over & across a certain tract of land lying in s<sup>d</sup> Brimfield whereof the said Stephen Powers & Joseph Ramsdell & Homer Ramsdell then were and still are seized in their demesne as of fee as tenants in common & commencing at the said last mentioned boundary on s<sup>d</sup> Samuel Shaws land. Thence North  $0^{\circ} 30'$  West 60 rods to a stake. Thence North  $15\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  West 94 rods to the upstream side of a rock in Chicopee River. — The s<sup>d</sup> County road also passes over & across a certain tract of land lying in Palmer aforesaid whereof Maria (Stems) Tyler Sarah Jane Tyler & Julia Ann Tyler then were and still are seized in their demesne as of fee as tenants in common in equal shares commencing on the north line of Oliver Rogers land at a walnut tree marked. Thence North  $6^{\circ}$  East 77 rods to a large walnut tree marked. Thence North  $7^{\circ}$  East 28 rods to a large rock. Thence North  $6\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  East 55 rods to a walnut tree. Thence North  $43\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  East 36 rods to a crooked apple tree. Thence North  $2^{\circ}$  East 26 rods to a white oak marked. Thence North  $1^{\circ}$  West 13 rods 19 links to a white oak marked. Thence North  $1\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  West 33 rods to a bass wood tree. Thence North  $20^{\circ} 20'$  East 15 rods to the west side of a chestnut tree. Thence North  $17^{\circ} 50'$  East 34 rods to three maples. — Thence North  $14\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  East 14 rods to a line opposite to a white oak tree. — which s<sup>d</sup> County road is laid out by s<sup>d</sup> Commissioners three rods in width except from a bass tree northward to a stake & stones in Hodgudans between which points it is to be four rods wide. Now the said Lucia Benjamin, John, Oliver, Wilson, Samuel, Stephen, Joseph, Homer, Pardon, Jesse, and Isaac petitioners as aforesaid say that they and the owners of the tracts of lands aforesaid are greatly aggrieved by the doings of said Commissioners in the location of s<sup>d</sup> County road in manner aforesaid and in assessing the damages to the several persons over whose lands the said County road is located in this, to wit. That the said County road is not located in such manner as best to promote the public convenience with the least damages to the private property of the owners of said lands, & that the damages assessed by said Commissioners to the several owners of said lands are entirely inadequate & insufficient in the respective sums mentioned in their said report and are wholly disproportioned to the injuries sustained. — They the s<sup>d</sup> petitioners



Therefore pray that a Jury may be ordered to be summoned by said Commissioners (or a committee agreed upon if the parties shall consent thereto) in manner as the law provides to view & review the County road so laid out as aforesaid, and to make such alterations of any and every part of the same (as reported by 3 Commissioners) as they may find that the public convenience & necessity with due regard to private property may require, or to discontinue any & every part thereof as they shall find the public good requires - Also to consider upon and reassess such amount of damages to the owners of 3 lands as they shall deem just & equitable to the owners of 3 lands and as in duty bound will ever pray

April. 1833.

Benjamin Converse

Wilson Brainard

John Tomlin

Lepe King

Samuel Shaw

Isaac King

(Lucina Merriell) Guardian of George

Benjamin Harriet

Franklin C. Chas. D.

& John S. Merriell

(Guardians of Maria Stum

& Sarah Jane &

Juliam Tyler

Pardon Allen

Oliver Perry

Stephen Powers

Horner Ramsdell

Joseph Ramsdell

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirty three - Thereupon it was ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of the County of Hampden or his Deputy should summon a Jury in manner prescribed by law for the purposes mentioned in said petition and the County Commissioners appointed William Bliss Esq. Agent for the County of Hampden to appear before said Jury and defend against 3 petition.

You are therefore required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereby forthwith to summon a Jury for the purposes aforesaid by making application to the selectmen of four or more disinterested towns in said County who shall draw out of the Jury box of the Supreme Judicial Court of their respective towns so many Jurors as you shall require not exceeding three from any one Town & if by accident or challenge there should happen not be a full Jury, you are to fill the pannel, detalibus, Circumstantibus, as in all other cases - which said Jury so summoned are to be under oath for the faithful performance of said service, & shall hear & finally determine the complaint of the said petitioners above recited - And when said Jury shall have agreed on their verdict, they shall make out the same under their hands & seals and return the same to the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Springfield we then and for the County of Hampden next after the same shall be agreed upon.

You are also required to give notice to all persons interested & also to William Bliss Esq. Agent for 3 County of the time when the said Jury shall hear & determine said Complaint - And you are to make return of your own travel & attendance & that of each Juror - Witness William Bliss Esq. at Springfield this twenty third day of April in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and thirty three -

John Ingersoll Clerk



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Hampden Co. June 4. 1833. Personally appeared Charles Stearns, Walter H. Bowdoin, Jesse McIntire, Spencer Flower, Nathaniel Thorp, Alvin Fowler, Silas Root, Israel Sackett, Thaddeus Foote, Lewis D. Fowler, Oliver Root 2<sup>d</sup> & Nathaniel Knowlton who were impannelled as a Jury by Caleb Rice Esq. Sheriff of the County aforesaid & made oath that in performing the duties as Jurors under this warrant they would act faithfully & impartially and that they would render a true verdict therein according to the law & the evidence that should be given them.

Before me William Bliss Justice of the Peace

Pursuant to this warrant I made application to the Selectmen of the Towns of Springfield, W. Springfield, Westfield & Southwick, four disinterested Towns in said County requiring them to draw from the Jury box the names of three good & lawful men for each of said Towns to serve on the Jury herein ordered, & the said Selectmen made due return of said applications as follows to wit, Charles Stearns, Dennis Cook & Walter H. Bowdoin were returned from the Town of Springfield, Jesse McIntire, Spencer Flower & Nathaniel Thorp from the Town of W. Springfield, Alvin Fowler, Silas Root & Israel Sackett from the Town of Westfield, Thaddeus Foote, Oliver Root 2<sup>d</sup> & Lewis D. Fowler from the Town of Southwick, as appears by the certificates of the Selectmen of each of said Towns herewith returned. I summoned said persons so returned as Jurors to come before me on Tuesday the fourth day of June A. D. 1833, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the house of John Sedgwick in Palmer as appears by the return on said certificates. I gave reasonable notice to all persons & corporations known to be interested, to wit, to the petitioners in this case, William Bliss Esq., who was appointed by the County Com<sup>rs</sup> to act as agent for the County in the premises, & the Towns of Palmer & Brimfield of the time & place of the impannelling said Jury - And on said 4<sup>th</sup> day of June I proceeded to impanel said Jurors, except Dennis Cook who did not appear & Nath<sup>l</sup>. Knowlton of Wilbraham was ordered upon said Jury to supply the vacancy occasioned by the absence of said Cook, & caused them to be sworn before William Bliss Esq. one of the Justices of the Peace in S. County as appears by his certificate hereon. And after said Jury had chosen a foreman by ballot, viewed the premises & fully heard the several parties mentioned aforesaid. I caused them to be by themselves when they agreed upon, & sealed up their verdict, which is herewith returned into Court.

C. Rice Sheriff

The Jury impannelled by Caleb Rice Esq. Sheriff of the County of Hampden on the fourth day of June 1833 for the purpose of discontinuing or altering the highway from Bugbee Mills in Palmer to the Turnpike near the house of George & Cassandra Hodges in said Palmer and also to reapportion the damages occasioned by laying said highway over the land of Benjamin Converse, Wilson Brainard, John Fenton, Jesse King, Samuel Shaw, Isaac King, Oliver Terry the heirs of Benjamin Merrick and the heirs of Amos Tyler, Stephen Powers, Homer Ramsdell & Joseph Ramsdell in S. County being first sworn and having chosen Thaddeus Foote by ballot as Foreman (The question in relation to discontinuing any part of said road being abandoned by the petitioners in this case) and after fully hearing the parties on the question of alterations do find that in their opinion said road is located judiciously by said Commissioners and that public convenience and necessity does not require any alterations therein. Stephen Powers, Jesse King & Isaac King informed the Jury they would ask no greater damages than had been assessed to them by the County Commissioners - The Jury further heard the parties in this case on the subject of damages & after duly considering the claims of each of said petitioners do assess to the heirs of



Benjamin Merrick twenty five Dollars damages in addition to the damages allowed by the Commissioners, to Benjamin Converse twenty three dollars, to Oliver Ferry — Eighteen dollars, to Amos Tylers heirs Eleven dollars in addition to the damages allowed by the Commissioners — The Jury do not assess any damages to any other person in addition to the damages allowed by said Commissioners — Witness our hands & seals at Palmer this seventh day of June 1833.

Thaddeus Foote Foreman — Seal

Walter H. Bowdoin — Seal

Silas Root — Seal

Israel Sackett — Seal

Alvan Fowler — Seal

Spencer Flower — Seal

Isaac W. Intire — Seal

Lewis D. Fowler — Seal

Oliver Root 3 — Seal

Charles Stearns — Seal

Nathaniel Thorpe — Seal

Nathaniel Knowlton — Seal

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, I certify that the above is a true copy of the verdict of the Jury which was returned to the Court of Common Pleas, holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the third Monday of June in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred & thirty three which having been read to the Court & considered by the Court was accepted.

Attest. John Ingersoll Clerk.

To the hon. the County Commissioner, for the County of Hampden Jas. Fowler et al. The undersigned, Inhabitants of the Towns of Westfield & Southwick in Pet. for alteration said County respectfully represent that the road from Little River Bridge near of a Road in to Norton's Mill in said Westfield to the house of Enosh Holcomb in said Westfield is narrow, circuitous, liable to drift & flood & that the public convenience requires that the same be altered, widened & straightened. They therefore pray that you would proceed to view & lay out a new road or part of a new road between the bridge & house aforesaid. Aug 20. 1832.

(Signed) James Fowler & others

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the first Tuesday of October 1832. On the petition aforesaid, Ordered that said Commissioners will meet at the house of Loring Lane in Westfield on the thirteenth day of November next at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, & after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon thirty days at least & post up in two public places in said Westfield an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to Wm. Bliss one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

Wm. Bliss Chairman

Hampden ss. Oct 13. 1832 By virtue of the foregoing warrant I have served the Town Clerk of Westfield with a true & attested copy of the petition & order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff



55.

Hampden Co. Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 1832. The County Commissioners for said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested according to the foregoing order of notice, & also caused a copy of said petition to be published, together with the order of notice thereon, in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication being at least fourteen days before the time of meeting; This day Joel Norcross & Ruben Boies & two of the standing County Commissioners met at the place & hour in said notice mentioned and William Bliss the other standing Commissioner being absent & unable to attend. The said Norcross & Boies summoned Robert Emery the Special County Commissioner to appear & act upon the foregoing petition in the room of said Bliss. Whereupon the said Emery appeared & the board consisting of the said Norcross Boies & Emery proceeded on the same day to view the route in said petition mentioned & met all persons & corporations interested in said petition. And now the board after viewing the way & the alterations prayed for & hearing all persons & corporations that chose to be heard, upon mature consideration, Report that in their opinion common convenience & necessity require that the road in said petition described should be altered, widened & straightened.

Joel Norcross Standing  
Ruben Boies Jr. County Commrs.  
Robert Emery Special Commr.

which report being made & read at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of Dec<sup>r</sup>. A.D. 1832 was accepted & the way & alterations therein mentioned adjudged of common convenience & necessity & the Road is ordered to be laid out.

And the aforesaid petition was further continued to a meeting of said County Commissioners, holden for said County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April last past, at which meeting they made the following order viz.

"Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April 1833. On the petition aforesaid Ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Israel M. Parsons in Westfield on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate and establish an highway upon the petition aforesaid; and to hear all persons & corporations interested therein on the subject of damages. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition & this order, thirty days at least, & post up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to William Bliss one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

Wm. Bliss Chairman

Hampden Co. April 25<sup>th</sup> 1833. By virtue of the foregoing order I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with a copy of the petition & order of notice aforesaid by giving the same to him & posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

And the aforesaid petition was further continued to the present meeting of said County Commissioners who make their Report thereon as follows. (viz.)

Hampden Co. May 28<sup>th</sup> 1833. The County Commissioners for said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested according to the foregoing order, & also caused an abstract of said Petition together with the order of notice of said time & place of meeting to be published in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively - the last publication being at least fourteen days before the said time of meeting. Joel Norcross & Ruben Boies Esqs. two of



The standing County Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, & William Bluff Esq. The Chairman of the board being absent & unable to attend, the said Norcross & Boies summoned Robert Emery Esq. The Special Commissioner of S<sup>d</sup> County to appear and act upon said Petition. Whereupon the said Emery appearing, the said Norcross Boies & Emery proceeded to locate the road & to make alterations prayed for as follows (having first heard all persons & corporations that wished to be heard) viz. beginning at a stake & stones near Horton's bridge so called in Westfield & ran thence N. 29° 30' W. 30 rods (crossing a road) to a black oak staddle thence N. 11° 30' W. 7 rods to a stake and stones by the old road. - Thence N. 29° E. 30 rods to a stake & stones - Thence N. 37° E. 89 rods to stake & stones at the top of the hill. - Thence N. 40° 30' E. 21 rods to a cross road; - Thence N. 45° 30' E. 4 r. 17 l. crossing S<sup>d</sup> road to a bass wood tree; - Thence N. 51° 30' E. 24 rods to the corner of roads opposite Holcomb's tavern; - the above line is run on the easterly side of the road laid; - and the said road from the first station near S<sup>d</sup> bridge, to the bounds on the hill at the end of the fourth course is to be four rods wide: - and from the S<sup>d</sup> bounds on the hill to diminish in width gradually till against said Bass-wood tree where it is to be three rods wide, and the residue is to be three rods wide. - The travelled path is to be wrought twenty feet wide exclusive of ditches. Suitable mounds bridges & water-courses are to be constructed where needed. - the hills are to be drawn down and evenly graded so as not to exceed 4 degrees of ascent. All obstructions are to be removed from the land taken for said road before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Nov. next. & The road is to be completed for acceptance on or before the first day of July 1834.

The low ground on said route, in constructing S<sup>d</sup> road, is to be well thrown up & covered with gravel. And we report damages for land taken for said road to be awarded as follows viz. to James Dewey Thirty five Dollars. to Seth Cowles five dollars; - to Eliab Dewey Six dollars; - to Noah Smith Twenty dollars; & to Timothy Olmstead three dollars; who alone were damaged or claimed for damages. -

Isaac Norcross & Seal } County  
Reuben Boies Jr. Seal } Comm<sup>rs</sup>  
Robert Emery Seal Special Comm<sup>r</sup>

Which Report being read & considered, is accepted by the S<sup>d</sup> County Commissioners, & ordered to be recorded.

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Wm. Moseley

Hampden ss To Charles Stearns, Daniel Merrick & Orange Chapin et al. Pet. for  
Seal all freeholders within said County & disinterested persons, Greeting Jury or Com<sup>tee</sup>

Whereas at a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord, One thousand, Eight hundred & thirty three William Moseley, James Moseley, David Moseley preferred their petition representing that the County Commissioners laid out a road from Clay Hill so called in Westfield to West Springfield line over the lands of your petitioners which road was accepted at the last term of the said County Commissioners and that they are greatly injured by the laying of said Road, & the damage allowed said petitioners are greatly inadequate to recompense them therefor & praying that a Jury may be summoned to assess damages to them in the premises or a Committee appointed therefor if the parties agree. - The petitioners appear & agree with the County Commissioners upon Charles Stearns, Daniel Merrick & Orange Chapin as a Committee to estimate said damages as prayed for in said petition. - Therefore Ordered by the County Commissioners that you, Charles Stearns,



Daniel Merrick and Orange Chapin, be a Committee to view the premises and you are to be under oath faithfully & impartially to estimate the damages sustained by the said William Mosely James Mosely & David Mosely, and you are to give due & seasonable notice to said Petitioners and also William Bliss Esq. who is appointed by the County Commissioners agent for the County of Hampden to appear before said Committee on behalf of the County of Hampden of the time & place of your meeting to view the premises & attend said service and you are to make return of your doings herein under your hands & seals at the meeting of the County Commissioners to be holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred & thirty three. — By order of the County Commissioners

John Ingersoll Clerk

Hampden ss. May 15<sup>th</sup> 1833. — Then personally appeared Charles Stearns Daniel Merrick & Orange Chapin within named and made oath to the faithful & impartial discharge of the duty imposed upon them by the within warrant. before. William Bliss Justice of the Peace —

And the afores<sup>d</sup> petition was continued to the present meeting of S<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>rs</sup> at which meeting the afores<sup>d</sup> Committee make the following Report viz  
" Westfield May 15<sup>th</sup> 1833 The committee within named having been sworn met the petitioners & William Bliss Esq. agent for the County, on the premises and after due deliberation award as follows —

To. James Mosely —	Four Dollars
William Mosely	Forty three dollars fifty cents
David Mosely	Ten Dollars fifty cents

Charles Stearns  
Daniel Merrick  
Orange Chapin. —

which report being read & considered by S<sup>d</sup> County Commissioners is by them accepted & ordered to be recorded. —

Hiram Jones Pet<sup>r</sup>

To The Hon. the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
for License to keep The subscriber prays that he may be licensed to keep a ferry across Connecticut  
a Ferry at Chicopee River at the new road near his dwelling house in West Springfield

April 1<sup>st</sup> 1833.

Hiram Jones

The afores<sup>d</sup> petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commis<sup>rs</sup> holden for S<sup>d</sup> County of Hampden, on the second Tuesday of April last past and continued to this meeting, and now at this meeting it is ordered by said Com<sup>rs</sup> that the said Jones be licensed to keep a Ferry across Connecticut River from the road on the west side of the S<sup>d</sup> River near said Jones house and the road on the easterly side of said River near the house of Frederick Chapin, for the term of two years — and he is required to keep a good boat or boats in good repair, & to give ready & due attendance on all passengers from sunrise to nine o'clock P.M. each day from the first day of May, till the first day of December in each year at the rates & according to the regulations hereinafter named & established. If the ferryman shall attend & render service at any time during the residue of the year 50 per cent may be added to the rate of — ferriage established —

Rates of ferriage see next page



## Rates of Ferriage

Cart & 1. Yoke of Cattle	17 Cents	every additional beast.	4 Cents
waggon & two horses	17 "	every additional beast.	4 "
waggon with one horse	10 "	waggon with spring stop drawn by one beast	12 1/2 "
Chaise & one horse	12 1/2 "	Pleasure carriage with two horses	20 "
foot passengers	3 "	horse & one person	8 "
Yoke of Oxen	10 "	Cattle per head	4 "
Sheep & swine per head	2 "		

which order being read & considered by S. C. Com<sup>y</sup> is accepted & ordered to be recorded.

On the first day of the term, the County Commissioners being unable to proceed to business on account of the absence of Reuben Boies Jun one of the board of Commissioners. Robert Emery Esq. the Special Commissioner was summoned to appear and attend this meeting on this day & the said Emery appears & takes his seat as a special Commissioner accordingly & sits in the application of Thomas Loomis for a License as an Innholder in Westfield - Also in the case of Thomas Ashley vs. Hampshire & Hampden Canal Co. for the acceptance of the verdict of a Jury rendered upon a warrant issued upon the application of Ashley made for a Jury to estimate damages.

Thomas Loomis makes application to the County Commissioners for License to keep a tavern in the Town of Westfield upon the approbation of the Selectmen of the Town of Westfield. — not licensed.

The votes for a County Treasurer having been sorted & counted it appears that County Treas<sup>r</sup>. The whole number of votes is nine hundred & twenty three, and that David Paine Chosen. — had Eight hundred & five votes, and is declared by the County Commissioners — Chosen as Treasurer of S<sup>d</sup> County of Hampden for the term one year, appeared gave bond to the acceptance of the Com<sup>y</sup> and was sworn before the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners appoint William Rice Esq. committee. Wm. Rice Esq. in room of Doct. Joshua Frost (who has deceased) to take charge of the interest of the appointed one of County of Hampden in Court Square so called together with Daniel Bontecou a Com<sup>y</sup> to take & Oliver B. Morris heretofore appointed for the same purpose. — Chas. J. C. Esq.

Ebenezer Brackett is Licensed as a Retailer in the Town of West Springfield Licenses at his Store in the Third Parish in S<sup>d</sup> Town until the first day of April next. — Granted

Amos Allen is Licensed as an Innholder in Town of West Springfield at the house he now occupies until the first day of April next. —

Hampden J<sup>y</sup>. June 1833. The following accounts have been examined & allowed by the County Com<sup>y</sup> & by them ordered to be paid from the County Treasury. — Acts all<sup>d</sup>

Thomas Dickman. Ram Paper	\$5.00
G. W. Callender. Record Books, Alphabets. sand & quills	11.89
John B. Eldridge, Printing adv <sup>t</sup>	1.50
Caleb Rice Sheriff taking care Jail &c. as per bill on file	24.86
Reuben A. Chapman atty <sup>y</sup> legal B. Converse et al <sup>s</sup>	8.00
L. W. Belden, for medical attend <sup>ance</sup> in Prison as in Jail one year	10.00
Amasa Parsons. Blacking Stores. atty <sup>y</sup> Courts &c. per bill	5.83 = 67.08

Hampden J<sup>y</sup>. June 29<sup>th</sup> 1833. all matters not acted upon are continued & this meeting is adjourned without day. Attest. John Ingersoll Clerk.



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County tax  
for 1834

In conformity to a resolve of the General Court passed Feb<sup>y</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1834  
granting a tax of five thousand dollars for the County of Hampshire  
the same is apportioned upon the several Towns in said County  
in manner following (viz)

Blandford	—	\$307.91.3
Brimfield	—	352.63.7
Chester	—	210.46.3
Gronville	—	268.34.0
Holland	—	80.85.0
Ludlow	—	256.30.7
Longmeadow	—	271.70.9
Montgomery	—	86.01.0
Monson	—	423.16.5
Palmer	—	233.94.5
Russell	—	77.40.9
Southwick	—	252.54.4
Springfield	—	1396.70.0
Tolland	—	122.13.3
West Springfield	—	691.51.3
Westfield	—	519.49.5
Wales	—	115.25.3
Wilbraham	—	335.43.6

\$6000.00.0

And warrants have issued dated April 7<sup>th</sup> 1834 directed to  
the Selectmen or Assessors of the several towns in said County  
directing them to assess the same upon the Inhabitants of their  
respective towns and requiring their respective Collectors or  
Constables to collect & pay the same to David Paine Esq<sup>r</sup>  
County Treasurer his Successor or Order by the fifteenth  
day of September next ensuing or the law directs

John Ingersoll Clerk



In conformity to a Resolves of the General Court passed March 6<sup>th</sup> 1835  
 granting a tax of seven thousand dollars for the County of Hampshire  
 the same is apportioned upon the several Towns in said County  
 in manner following (viz)

Blandford	—	\$359.23.2
Brimfield	—	411.41.0
Chester	—	254.07.3
Granville	—	313.07.2
Holland	—	94.32.5
Ludlow	—	299.02.5
Longmeadow	—	307.05.7
Montgomery	—	400.34.5
Manserv	—	493.69.3
Palmer	—	272.93.6
Russell	—	90.31.1
Southwick	—	282.97.0
Springfield	—	1629.58.6
Tolland	—	1412.48.8
West Springfield	—	806.76.5
Westfield	—	606.07.8
Wales	—	1134.46.2
Westbrook	—	391.34.2
		<u>\$7000.00.0</u>

And warrants have issued dated March 12<sup>th</sup> 1835 directed to  
 the Selectmen or Officers of the several Towns in said County  
 directing them to assess the same on the Inhabitants of their  
 respective Towns and requiring their respective Collectors  
 or Constables to collect & pay the same to David Paine County  
 Treasurer his Successor or Order by the fifteenth day of August  
 next ensuing as the law directs

John Ingersoll Clerk



## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. At a legal meeting of the County Commissioners begun & holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of October being the first day of said Month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three and by adjournment on the second Tuesday of said October being the eighth day of said Month

Present William Bliss Esq<sup>r</sup> Chairman

Joel Norcross Esq<sup>r</sup> Commissioners  
Reuben Boies Esq<sup>r</sup>

Road on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> of  
Levi Hadman  
dothors in Spring

To the board of Commissioners for the County of Hampden of this Session Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1832 — Your Petitioners Inhabitants of Chispee Parish in Springfield in said County would respectfully represent that they are deprived of a good & open communication to Connecticut River at Chispee that the public good requires an open avenue from Chispee Street to said river and would therefore pray that a road may be opened and laid out from said river to intersect the street at such place as you may deem the public good requires and that you would appropriate so much land in connection with the road at said river as may be requisite for a landing — Springfield Chispee  
Dec<sup>r</sup>. 24<sup>th</sup> 1832

Levi Hadman & others

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of December 1832

On the petition of said Ordered that said Commissioners will meet at the house of Sumner Chapin in Springfield on the twentieth day of April next at ten o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interest therein — And it is further Ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least & post up in two public places in Springfield an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting the Sheriff or his Deputy will make & return book with your doings to William Bliss one of said Commissioners at before the time of said meeting — William Bliss Chairman  
Hampden Co. March 5<sup>th</sup> 1833 By virtue of the foregoing order I have served the Town Clerk of Springfield with a true & attested copy of the petition & order of Notice of said by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

E. Rice Sheriff

Given 30  
Copy 50  
2 abstracts 25  
Total 105

This petition was entered at the Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two and continued to the Meeting of said County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three at which meeting the County Commissioners made the following report — Hampden Co. April 12<sup>th</sup> 1833



The County Commissioners for said County having given Notice to all persons and corporations interested in the subject matter of the foregoing petition pursuant to the foregoing order of Notice and by causing a copy of said petition & order of Notice thereon to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication being fourteen days before the time of Meeting, this day met all persons & corporations known to be interested & proceeded to view the route for a highway as prayed for in said petition - After viewing the same & hearing all persons & Corporations that wished to be heard and upon consideration of the subject report that in their opinion common convenience & necessity require that a road should be laid out and established as a highway pursuant to said petition beginning near the barn of Frederick Chapin or Chispee Street and running thence westerly to Connecticut River - William Bliss  
Joel Norwep & Com<sup>rs</sup>  
Reuben Boise Jr

which report was adopted by the County Commissioners and the road ordered to be laid out - and the aforesaid petition was further continued to the Meeting of said County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three at which meeting it was ordered on the petition aforesaid that said Commissioners meet at the house of Sumner Chapin in Springfield on the twenty ninth day of July next at Eleven O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate & establish our highway upon the petition aforesaid; and to hear all persons & corporations interested therein on the subject of damages. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an Attested copy of said petition and this Order thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Springfield an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to the subscriber one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting -

William Bliss Chairman

and this petition was further continued to this term -  
Hampden ss. June 29<sup>th</sup> 1833 by virtue of the foregoing order I have served the Town Clerk of Springfield with a true & attested copy of the petition aforesaid & order of Notice thereon by giving the same to him and also posted up an abstract containing the substance of said petition in two public places in said Town -

C. Rice Sheriff

Vernon 30  
copy 50  
2 abstracts 25  
Total \$105

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their report as follows, "Hampden ss. July 29<sup>th</sup> 1833 - The County Commissioners for said County having given notice to all persons and Corporations pursuant to the foregoing order and also by causing an abstract containing the substance of said petition together with the order of Notice thereon fixing the time place & purposes of the meeting to be published in the Springfield Republican a newspaper printed



in said County the last publication being at least fourteen days before the time of said meeting this day met at the house of James Chapin and proceeded to locate the road prayed for as follows (viz) Beginning at a stake in the ground 2 rods 13 links S. 30° W. from the Southwesterly corner of Sylvester Chapin's house and run thence N. 75° W. to a stake 3 rods from the corner of Frederick Chapin's barn thence same course to a stake (N. 15° E. 3 rods from a butternut tree marked) 1/2 rods S. links; the line thus far is run on the North side of the road which to the last mentioned stake is to be three rods wide; from said last mentioned stake & butternut tree the road is to widen out gradually to the river. The North line running from said stake N. 86° 30' W. to the river, said road is to be worked 20 feet wide for travelled path from the present travelled road down to said butternut tree & thence an opening in width to be 3 rods at the River, the ascent from the River to the top of the bank to be covered once rods in width with gravel if it can be obtained in a reasonable distance in the hollow a sluice way is to be constructed sufficiently large to conduct the water off at all seasons and said road is to be made in all respects in a workmanlike manner & the acceptance of the County Commissioners to be completed on the first day of December next. All persons & corporations known to be interested were heard upon the subject of damages and we assessed damages to Frederick Chapin the sum of Eighty five Dollars, to Sylvester Chapin the sum of Fifteen Dollars the land of no other persons was taken all which is submitted

William Bliss (County) Ad.  
 Joel Winsor }  
 Reuben Boies } Ad.

which is <sup>report</sup> accepted by said County Commissioners & the way therein established as & for a public highway & ordered to be recorded.

Eli B. Hamilton  
 et alius Pet. &  
 Discontinue a  
 Road in Westfield

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire  
 We the undersigned Inhabitants of the Town of Westfield and Montgomery would respectfully represent that in consequence of the laying a new road the road from near Ira Yeaman's Jun<sup>r</sup> house up Honey hill so called to the house of Jared Bluffs has become unnecessary for the public they would therefore pray that the same may be discontinued Westfield June 12<sup>th</sup> 1833

Eli B. Hamilton & others

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June 1833 On the petition aforesaid ordered that said Commissioners will meet at the house of J. M. Parsons in Westfield on the first day of October next at 10 O'clock in forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order



thereon thirty days at least and posted up in two public places in said town  
an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least  
before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make  
return hereof with your doings to William Bliss one of said Commissioners  
as or before the said meeting  
William Bliss Chairman

and this petition was continued to the said meeting  
Hampden Co. Aug. 22<sup>d</sup> 1833 I certify I have served the Town Clerk of  
Westfield with a true & attested copy of the foregoing petition & order of  
notice thereon by giving the same to him & also posted up in  
two public places in said Westfield an abstract containing the substance  
of said petition  
C. Rice Sheriff  
and now in this meeting it ordered that the said petitions  
be dismissed

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at their  
meeting to be holden at Springfield in & for said County on the  
fourth Tuesday of June 1833 - The Inhabitants of the Town of West  
Springfield by the subscribers a Committee for this purpose especially  
appointed authorized & directed would respectfully represent that they  
feel aggrieved & greatly burdened by the laying out of a highway  
from Westfield line through Bush's notch to Connecticut River  
which road was laid out by the said Commissioners at their  
meeting holden on the fourth Tuesday of December last - that  
in the opinion of your petitioners the public good did not require  
so great alterations in the old road as have been made by the  
establishment of the new road and that some of the alterations which  
will be attended with considerable expense are no improvement  
They would further represent that the public travel on said road is  
not and will not be so great as to require so great expense in the  
construction of said road as must necessarily be incurred by the  
manner in which it is ordered to be made; and that it cannot be  
made under about double the sum estimated by the Commissioners  
and that the expense would be considerably greater than if a longer  
time should be allowed for its completion - Your petitioners therefore  
pray that the County Commissioners would view said road and  
discontinue the whole or any part of said road or make such  
alterations there as the public good requires, or that they would  
make a new order as to the time within which said road shall  
be completed as to the manner in which the same or some part  
thereof shall be finished and also as to the proportion and expense  
of making said road which shall be borne by the town and  
County respectively - Signed Sinus Bagg & others a Committee  
West Springfield June 21<sup>st</sup> 1833

The aforesaid petition was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners  
held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our  
Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirty three when it was ordered  
that said Commissioners will meet at the house of Elisha Ashley in West  
Springfield on the thirtieth day of July next at ten o'clock in the fore-  
noon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said  
petition and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested



therein - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said West Springfield an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to the Subscriber one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting - William Bliss, Chairman

And this petition was continued to this meeting and now it appearing that due notice had been given according to the foregoing order the County Commissioners make their report in writing as follows " Hampshire July 30<sup>th</sup> 1833 The County Commissioners for County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested pursuant to the foregoing order of Notice and by causing a copy of said petition with the order of Notice of the time & place & purposes of said meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication being at least fourteen days before the time of said meeting - this day Joel Norrop & Reuben Boies met and William Bliss Chairman of the board being Absent & unable to attend the said Norrop and Boies two of the Standing Commissioners summoned in Robert Emery the special Commissioner of said County who appeared & the board being thus organized & hearing all persons & corporations that chose to be heard before viewing proceeded to view the route prayed for in said petition - After viewing the same & the objections suggested & hearing all persons & corporations that wished to be heard upon the several subjects mentioned in said petition the said board report that in their opinion common convenience and necessity do not require that the said road in whole or part should be discontinued or be altered - that no alterations should be made of the former order & report in regard to the time or manner in which said road should be made & finished - And they further report that the expenses of constructing the same should be apportioned anew and do order & adjudge that the sum of three hundred dollars be paid from the County Treasury to the Inhabitants of West Springfield whenever said road shall be made & accepted by the County Commissioners - estimating the expense of making said road at Nine Hundred Dollars instead of Seven hundred Dollars as reported on the petition of Allen Walcott & others all which is submitted - Joel Norrop Seal Standing  
Reuben Boies Jr Seal Commissioners  
Robert Emery Seal Special Com<sup>r</sup>

which report being read & considered is accepted & ordered to be recorded

At a meeting of the County Commissioners holden by adjournment on the eighth day of October A.D. 1833 The County Commissioners being unable to proceed to business on account of the absence of William Bliss one of the board of Commissioners Robert Emery Esq. the special Com<sup>r</sup> was summoned to appear & attend this meeting on this day & that Emery appears & takes his seat as such special Commissioner -



Commissaries holden for said County on the 12th Tuesday of June in the year of  
1833 one thousand eight hundred thirty two at which meeting the Sheriff  
Ezra Kimbety is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Springfield License  
of the house called the house called the village Hotel near the water works  
in said Springfield until the first day of April next

Hampden ss. Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> 1833 Judgment is entered up according to  
reports of all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued  
and this meeting is adjourned without day

Attest John Ingersoll Clerk

The following Accounts against the County were preferred & allowed by Accounts  
the County Commissioners & ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury  
Thomas Bond for wood \$6.75 Daniel Chapin for wood \$2.04 John Ingersoll  
for recording \$25.00 E. J. Granger & Co. for clothing \$6. Caleb Rice for as  
Sheriff \$18.44 James Brewer sundries for prisoners \$5.77 Thomas Dittman for  
paper \$4.50 G. & C. Merriam paper \$5.6 Harvey Chapin boarding prisoners \$22.33  
John Smith Coroner's fees \$8.39 Harvey Chapin labor on Aqueduct \$6.00  
George Cotton Surveying \$3.50 Lewis Briggs & Co. for printing \$9.00  
Amos Parson cleaning & taking care Court House &c \$9.25

ordered that the following sums respectively be paid to the persons  
hereafter named being damages for land taken for a road on petition  
of John Sedgwick and others (vrs) including amount allowed by Comm<sup>rs</sup>  
and the additional damages offered by the Jury

Benjamin Merrick's heirs \$265.00 Benjamin Converse \$223.00 John  
Senton \$80. Oliver Ferre \$93. Widow Hannah Ferre \$80. Ruben Ferre \$5.  
Timothy Bainsford \$25. Jesse King \$1.00 Amos Shaw \$30. Isaac King \$1.  
Stephen Powers & Horner & Josiah Romsdall tenants in Common \$150.00  
Rogers \$25, Amos Tylos heirs \$161.00 George H. & Cassandra  
Hodges \$45.00

Hampden ss. October 12<sup>th</sup> 1833 Judgment is entered up according  
to reports &c and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued  
and this meeting is adjourned without day

Attest John Ingersoll Clerk



## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. A meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday being the twenty fourth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three & from day to day to the twenty sixth day of said month

By William Bliss Esqr. Chairman

Joel Norriss Esqr. } Commissioners  
Reuben Boies Jr Esqr. }

Avery Tracy  
of Otis & others Petrs  
for a road in  
Blandford from  
Charles Sprague  
by Daniel Hills  
Giles Tracy, Avery  
Tracy & others to  
Otis

To the County Commissioners within & for the County of Hampden at their meeting to be holden at Springfield within & for said County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April next —

The subscribers respectfully represent that the present travelled road from Charles Sprague in Blandford in said County by the house of Daniel Hills Giles Tracy, Avery Tracy & others to Otis is very circuitous, rocky, hilly & dangerous to travel; that a good and convenient road maybe made from a point near the house of said Charles Sprague in said Blandford running Southwesterly a little South of the house of Daniel Hills in said Blandford near the brook and thence near the houses of Giles Tracy, Avery Tracy John Hunt Capt Curtis Hunt, Charles B. Gibbs & Elijah P. Perkins to Otis line; that the expense of making said road and the damages claimed therefor will be trifling; that the public good would be promoted by the construction of said road, and in the opinion of your petitioners requires that the same should be made —

wherefore your petitioners pray that you will conformably to law lay out & establish said road from a point near the dwelling house of said Sprague in the best route to Otis line over the dwellinghouse of the said Elijah P. Perkins and as in duty bound shall pray — And your petitioners further pray that all other roads already laid which may become unnecessary by the laying out & making said road as prayed for may be discontinued

Blandford March 20<sup>th</sup> 1832 — Avery Tracy & others

The aforesaid petition was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners will meet at the house of Charles Sprague in Blandford on the sixth day of June at ten O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy serve the Town Clerk of Blandford with an Attested copy of said petition & this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Blandford an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to Reuben Boies Jr one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

William Bliss Chairman

and said petition was continued to the meeting of said County



Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred thirty two at which meeting the Sheriff made his return as follows: "Hampden Co. April 24 1832 pursuant to the foregoing order I served the Town Clerk of Blandford with a true & attested copy of the petition aforesaid & order of notice thereon by leaving the same at his last & usual place of abode & posted up in said Town at two public places an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

and said petition was further continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of said County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred thirty three at which meeting the County Commissioners made their report in writing as follows: "Hampden Co. June 6 1832 The County Commissioners for said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition according to the foregoing order of notice and also by causing a copy of said petition with a notice of the time & place & purpose of their meeting to be published in the Springfield Republican a news paper printed in said County three weeks successively the last publication being fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting met this day pursuant to said notice and proceeded to view the route prayed for and all persons & corporations that wished to be heard were heard by said Commissioners; And now upon consideration of the premises do report that in their opinion common convenience and necessity require that a part of said route (viz) from a point near said Charles Sprague running south westerly till it intersects with the present travelled road - And we further report that so much of the old road as may lie between said point of intersection and its junction <sup>with</sup> the road leading northerly to said Sprague from be discontinued - all which is submitted

William Bliss } County  
Joel Norrop } Comrs  
Reuben Baies Jr }

which report was accepted & the way prayed for as mentioned in said report was adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity & ordered to be laid out and at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Charles Sprague in Blandford on the second <sup>day</sup> of October next at ten o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate & establish on highway upon the petition aforesaid and to hear all persons & corporations interested therein on the subject of damages, And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Blandford with an attested copy of said petition & this order thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with copies of doings to William Bliss one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting - William Bliss Chairman and the aforesaid petition was further continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of said Commissioners held on the fourth Tuesday of December



in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirty three and in pursuance to the foregoing order the Sheriff makes the following return, "Hampden Co. August 22. 1833 I certify a true and attested copy of the foregoing petition & order of notice thereon was left at the last usual place of abode of the Town Clerk of Blountford and also an abstract containing the substance of said petition was posted up in two public places in said Town

E. Price Sheriff

and now at this meeting the said County Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows "Hampden Co. Oct. 2. 1833 The County Commissioners for said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested according to the foregoing order & return and by causing an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof to be published in the Springfield Republican a newspaper printed in said County the last publication being fourteen days before the time of meeting, met pursuant to said notice and after hearing all persons & corporations that wished to be heard proceeded to lay out a new highway as follows (viz) Beginning Southwily of said Sprague's house at a maple tree marked on the west line of the present road and run thence S.  $33\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W. 20 r. to a stake and stones thence S.  $45\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  W. 16 r. 20 l. to a stake & stones thence S.  $38\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W. 29 r. 10 l. to a stake & stones thence S.  $37^{\circ}$  W. 10 r. to a stake & stones where it intersects the Lee road so called - said road is laid three rods wide and the above line is run on the westerly side of said road - the road to be wrought so as to make the path for travel full eighteen feet wide exclusive of ditches - with sufficient mounds, sluices & bridges - at the intersection of said road with the now travelled roads the turns are to be made easy & convenient for passing on & off. the whole to be made and completed to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of November 1834 - We have assessed damages for lands taken for said road to John Fr. Collister Sixty Dollars to John Linnet Eight Dollars. trees & fences to be removed before the first day of May next - witness our hands & seals

Seal William Bliff } County  
Seal Joel Norriss } Commissioners  
Seal Reuben Boies Jr }

which report is accepted & the way established as for a public highway

Elkanah Barton - To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Gentlemen & others Pet. for The petition of the subscribers respectfully shows, that Elkanah a Road improving Barton, Philip Wilcox and twenty five others all Inhabitants of or that a town way the Town of Springfield did present their petition to the Selectmen be established and of said Town requesting them to lay out a town or private way as ordered to be made follows (viz) beginning near the house occupied by Seth Ely and running across the land of Daniel Lombard & others to intersect State Street near the house of Charles Stearns in said street laying the same of such width as they deem necessary and report the same to the Inhabitants of said



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Town at their next Town meeting upon which petition the Selectmen  
after having given due notice to all parties met them at the Hampden  
Coffeehouse on the thirty first day of October last & proceeded to lay out a part  
of the road prayed for as follows (viz) Beginning at a stake on the North  
side of Elm Street thirteen feet three inches easterly of S. E. corner of Daniel  
Lombard's lot we run thence N. 44 degrees 18 minutes E. thirty rods and one  
link to a stake in the angle of the fence on the Easterly side of Water Street  
nearly opposite Goodman & Gardner's shop and we laid the road three  
rods wide on the westerly side of said line passing the first sixteen rods  
over land of Daniel Lombard, then eight rods twenty one links of the  
westerly line over land of Frederick Palmer & others & four rods five  
links over land of said Goodman & Gardner & estimated damages  
thereby to Daniel Lombard at Five Hundred & twenty five Dollars  
with the privilege of having his barn remain where it is one year  
to Frederick Palmer & others we have estimated no damages but allow  
this house to remain five years. Goodman & Gardner waived  
their right to damages - and the Selectmen made a report of their  
doings on said petition and of their laying said way as aforesaid  
to the Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town  
affairs duly warned & convened in public town meeting on  
Monday the twelfth day of November 1832 for the purpose of  
acting on the report aforesaid and the said town then & there un-  
seasonably refused to approve and allow of said road laid out as  
aforesaid, and ever since have unreasonably refused to  
approve & allow of said road & put the same on record -

Wherefore your petitioners being aggrieved by such delay & refusal  
pray the Commissioners to accept & approve of the said way laid  
as aforesaid and direct the same to be recorded in the town  
records, or to lay & establish the same as a County road in  
manner & form as prayed for in the petition to the Selectmen  
aforesaid and the petitioners request the Commissioners to view  
and examine the road laid out as aforesaid -

Springfield Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1832 Elkanah Barton & others  
The aforesaid petition was ordered at this meeting of the County Com-  
missioners whereupon it was ordered that said Commissioners will  
meet at the Court House in Springfield on the Eleventh day of April  
next at ten o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view  
according to the prayer of said petition and of viewing & hear all  
persons & corporations interested therein - And it is further ordered  
that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of  
Springfield with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon  
thirty days at least & post up in two public places in said Springfield  
an Abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days  
at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy  
will make return hereof with your doings to William Bliss one  
of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

William Bliss Chairman  
and this petition was continued to the second Tuesday of April  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three  
and pursuant to the foregoing order the Sheriff returns as follows.



"Hampden Co. March 5<sup>th</sup> 1833 By virtue of the foregoing order I have served the Town Clerk of Springfield with a true & attested copy of the foregoing petition and order of Notice thereon by giving the same to him and I also posted up in two public places in said Springfield an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

E. Rice Sheriff

And this petition was further continued to the Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirty three at which Meeting the County Commissioners made their report in writing as follows - "Hampden Co. April 11<sup>th</sup> 1833 The County Commissioners for said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested pursuant to the foregoing order of Notice and by causing a copy of said petition with the order of Notice of the time & place of said meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Journal a newspaper printed in said County the last publication being at least fourteen days before the time of said meeting - this day met all persons and corporations known to be interested and proceeded to view the route for a highway as prayed for in said petition - After viewing the same and hearing all persons & corporations that wished to be heard the said Commissioners report that in their opinion common convenience & necessity require that a road should be laid out upon said petition as prayed for and that the same ought to be laid out & established as a County highway (viz) Beginning on Water Street near the house occupied by Seth Ely and running thence southerly to State Street near the house owned by Charles Stearns

William Bliss }  
 Joel Norriss } County  
 Reuben Boies Jr } Commissioners

which report being read & considered is accepted and the way prayed for as a County road adjudged of common convenience and necessity & ordered to be laid out -

At which meeting holden on the fourth Tuesday of June as last aforesaid it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on the seventh day of October next at two O'Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate and establish a highway upon the petition aforesaid and to hear all persons & corporations interested therein on the subject of damages - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to William Bliss one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting -

William Bliss Chairman

and the aforesaid petition was further continued from meeting to



meeting to this meeting. - And in pursuance to the foregoing order the Sheriff returns as follows "Hampden Co. Sept. 4. 1833 I certify that I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with a true & attested copy of the petition of <sup>the</sup> and order of notice by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

and now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their report in writing as follows "Hampden Co. Oct. 7. 1833 The County Commissioners for said County having given notice to all persons <sup>& corporations</sup> interested according to the foregoing order of notice & return thereon and also by causing an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof together with an order of notice of the time place & purpose of the meeting three weeks previously in the Hampden Journal & newspapers printed in said County the last publication being at least fourteen days previous to the time of meeting met pursuant to said notice and after hearing all persons & corporations that wished to be heard proceeded to lay out a highway or County road on the foregoing petition as follows (viz) Beginning on State Street at the S. W. corner of Dennis Ditchmans lot and running thence N. 43° W. 45 & 12 E. to a stake & a point in the Easterly line of Water Street the road to be three rods wide and the above line is the Easterly line of said road. said road is to be worked and finished to the acceptance of the County Commissioners by the first day of July next except that part of it that lies under the buildings herein after named - the barn of Daniel Lombard is allowed to remain where it now is one year - the House of Henry Palmer and others now occupied by Seth Ely to remain one year all other obstructions to be removed immediately - We have assented to Daniel Lombard damages for land taken for said road the sum of five thousand and fifty dollars - all other owners of lands taken, relinquished all claims to damages - also on account of the removal of said house

Witness our hands & seals

Seal - William Bliss

Seal - Joel Norcross

Seal - Reuben Boies

County Commissioners

which report being read and considered is accepted and the way therein described established as for a County road & ordered to be recorded

To the board of Commissioners for the County of Hampden -  
The petition of the subscribers respectfully sheweth that on the fifth day of January 1833 David Booth & six others residents of Longmeadow in said County & freeholders petitioned the Selectmen of said town to examine the ground & lay a road from near the house of Elijah Colton to Connecticut river and that on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833 said Selectmen did examine the ground & lay a road commencing nearly opposite the barn of Elijah Colton & running W. 22° 30' N. 86 rods to the brow of the hill and laid the same two rods wide thence on the same course fifteen rods to a spring in the dingle four rods wide thence W. 47° 30' N. six rods thence W. 30° 30' N. 9 1/2 rods to a chestnut tree marked thence W. 10° 15' N. four rods to D. Burbanks fence thence on the same course 22 rods to the fence between Elijah Colton & Daniel Burbanks land. Thence W. 39° N. 72 rods to the southwest corner of

Daniel  
Burbanks &  
others Pet<sup>r</sup>  
for a road in  
Longmeadow



James Bliss' meadow at the fence of the General field thence  
 W. 31° 15' N. 40 rods to a small elm tree near the Northeast corner of a  
 lot of land belonging to the heirs of Miriam Colton thence Westwardly  
 on the North side of said lot to land of Gains Pease - thence from the  
 N.E. corner of said Pease' lot in straight line to a point two rods  
 north of the second angle on the north <sup>line</sup> of said Pease's land  
 thence to Connecticut River on a line parallel to the South line  
 of Alva & Dudley Colton's land on the North line of said Pease's land  
 the width of the road from the Spring at the end of the first course  
 to the foot of the hill in D. Burbanks land to be three rods wide &  
 from thence to Connecticut River two rods wide running on  
 the North side of the road - And at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants  
 of said Town convened for the purpose of acting on the report of  
 the Selectmen on the first Monday of April 1833 said Selectmen  
 did make their report in manner & form as stated above  
 and the Inhabitants of said Town did there & there unreasonably  
 refuse and neglect to accept said road to the great damage of your  
 petitioners - We therefore respectfully request your honorable  
 board to view the road so laid out by the Selectmen and to order  
 the whole or such part of the same as you may think best to be  
 established as a town road and recorded as such on the books of  
 the town - Signed - Daniel Burbank & others -  
 Longmeadow April 10<sup>th</sup> 1833

The aforesaid petition was entered at the meeting of the County  
 Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of  
 April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty  
 three and continued to the meeting of said County Commissioners  
 holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the  
 year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three at  
 which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners will meet  
 at the house of Diamond Colton in Longmeadow on the  
 tenth day of October next at ten O'Clock in the forenoon for the  
 purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition  
 and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein  
 And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his  
 Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Longmeadow with an attested  
 copy of said petition & this order thereon thirty days at least and  
 post up in two public places in said town an abstract containing  
 the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the  
 time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make  
 return hereof with your doings to William Bliss one of said  
 Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting -

William Bliss Chairman

and this petition was further continued from meeting to  
 meeting to this meeting - and the Sheriff pursuant to the  
 foregoing order makes return as follows - "Hampden  
 September tenth 1833 Pursuant to the foregoing order I served the  
 Town Clerk of Longmeadow with a true & attested copy of the petition  
 aforesaid and order of notice thereon by giving the same & him  
 also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract



containing the substance of said petition - E. Rice Sheriff -  
 And now at this meeting The County Commissioners make this report  
 in writing as follows "Hampden Co. October 10<sup>th</sup> 1833 The County Com-  
 missioners for said County having given notice to all persons & corporations  
 interested in said petition pursuant to the foregoing order and also by  
 causing a copy thereof with an order of notice of the time place and  
 purpose of the meeting to be published in the Springfield Gazette a  
 Newspaper printed in said County the last publication being at least  
 fourteen days before the time of said meeting met pursuant to said  
 notice and proceeded to view the route as prayed for in said petition  
 and after hearing all persons & Corporations that wished to be heard &  
 upon consideration of the premises do report that in their opinion Com-  
 mon convenience & necessity do not require a road to be laid out  
 and established as prayed for in said petition all which is submitted

William Bliss }  
 Joel Norrop } County Comrs  
 Reuben Bancroft }

which report being read & considered is accepted -

Ordered that William Bliss Esq<sup>r</sup> be a Committee to settle with the County Treasurer & make an estimate of a County tax

County & settle  
 with County Tr.  
 & make estimate  
 of County tax

The following accounts against the County were prepared & and  
 allowed by the County Commissioners of the above meeting and  
 ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury

Accounts  
 Allowed

Jehiel Abbott for taking an Inquisition	\$12.02
Lewis Briggs & Co. for printing	3.25
Samuel Bowles for printing	30.17
John Ingersoll Clerk's fees	4.03
Elisha Edwards for Int. powder &c	5.21
Philip Wilcox for Stove pipe &c	4.07
Caleb Rice for fees as Sheriff	13.52
Bentzen & Hunt for paper &c	4.39
John B. Eldridge for printing	4.25
James Brewer for Blankets &c	10.77
William Bliss for repairing Probate room	30.16
George Colton for surveying	7.50
Abraham G. Tannett for printing	4.00
Amasa Parsons for taking care Court getting up wood &c	7.62
George W. Callender for quills	03
	<u>\$170.59</u>

Hampden Co. Dec<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1833 Judgment is entered up according to Reports  
 & all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and  
 this meeting is adjourned to the first Tuesday being the first day of  
 April next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon

Attest John Ingersoll Clerk



## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden. At the meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of April being the first day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four by adjournment from the fourth Tuesday of December one thousand eight hundred and thirty three and to the second day of said month

By William Bliss Esqr. Chairman

Joel Norcross Esqr. } Commissioners  
 Reuben Boies Esqr. }

Lienses

Granted

Wales

Cornelius Miller Innholder at the house heretofore used a tavern near the Old Meetinghouse

Springfield

Daniel C. Brewer Retailer in the shop he now occupies  
 Horace Chopin Innholder at the house where he now keeps for a temporary tavern  
 Stephen O. Russell Inn. at the house he now occupies  
 Ezra Kimbly Innholder - near the Upper Water shops  
 Jonathan Bangs Retailer in the store he now occupies  
 Elisha D. Hatching - Innholder in the house he now occupies -  
 Elisha Adams Innholder at the Chispee Factory  
 John Curtis - Retailer at the store he now occupies  
 Austin Chopin 2<sup>d</sup> Innholder at the house he now occupies  
 Benjamin Fuller Jr Innholder at the Springfield Hotel  
 Elisha Gunn Ret. at the shop he now occupies  
 Horace Allen - Inn. - at the place he now occupies  
 Henry Starns Ret. at the store he now occupies  
 Elisha Edwards Ret. at the store he now occupies  
 Sumner Chopin Inn. at the house he now occupies in Chispee  
 Jeremy Warriner Inn. at the house he now occupies -  
 Samuel King Inn. at the Finnish place so called  
 Horatio Sergeant Inn. at the house he now occupies (or Coffeehouse)  
 Theodore Bliss Ret. at the shop he now occupies (near Bliss' Mills)

Longmeadow

Diamond Cotton Inn. in the first Parish near the meeting house  
 Francis Bust Ret. at his store in the first parish near the meeting house  
 Seth Taylor - Ret. in his store in the East Parish  
 Willis Phelps Inn. near the meetinghouse in the East Parish  
 William White Ret. at his store in the first parish near the meeting house

Wilbraham

Pliny Cadwell Ret. in the store he now occupies  
 William Bliss - Inn. at the store lately occupied by Benj<sup>r</sup> Fuller Jr  
 Solomon Smith Inn. at his dwellinghouse formerly occupied by Tho<sup>s</sup> Glover  
 Henry Glover Ret. at his store  
 John M. Gray - Inn. at his dwellinghouse in South Wilbraham  
 John H. Lord Inn. at his dwellinghouse in South Wilbraham



Baxter Wood Inn. at the house he now occupies  
Olin Anderson Ret. at the store occupied by him

Holland

John Sedgwick Inn. at the house he now occupies  
Abner Allen Jr. Innholder - in the center of the Town of Polaris

Polaris

Ephraim Sawin Inn. at the Springfield Manufactory near Putts Bridge is called  
Ely Fuller Ret. at the house he now occupies

Springfield

Israel M. Parsons - Inn. at the Westfield Coffeehouse  
Lyman Smith Inn. at the house he now occupies  
Nob Elster Jan. Inn. at the house he now occupies  
Loring Lane Inn. at the house he now occupies

Westfield

Samuel J. Day Inn. at the house lately occupied by Thos. Bradley -

Blairford

Amos Norriss Innholder at his new dwellinghouse  
Phufus Flynt - Ret. at his store near the meetinghouse  
Timothy Packard Ret. at his store near Amos Norriss's Dwellinghouse

Mansons

Hampden fs. April 2. 1834 Judgment is entered up according to  
Reports &c and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued  
and this meeting is adjourned to the next day

Attest John Rogers Clerk

#### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden fs. A meeting of the County Commissioners begun & holden  
at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the  
second Tuesday of April being the eighth day of said month  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred &  
thirty four and from day to day to the eleventh day of said  
month & by adjournment on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 1834

By William Bliss Esq. Chairman

Joel Norriss Esq. & Commissioners -  
Reuben Boies Jr. Esq.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
Humbly Shews Josiah Fowler of Westfield in said County Esq. Pet. for  
that by an act of the Legislature of Massachusetts passed the fourth day  
of February in the year of Lord eighteen hundred & twenty three  
Samuel Hinckley & others were constituted a body politic & corporate  
under the name of the Hampshire & Hampden Canal Company  
and by such act were empowered to locate & construct a navigable  
canal from the Connecticut River in Northampton through the  
Towns of East Hampton & Southampton in the County of Hampshire  
and Westfield & Southwick in the County of Hampden; and the said  
Company were further Authorized to connect with said Canal by feeders  
or navigable canals any rivers or streams, and by the Act of said  
after the location of said canal & feeders three Commissioners were to be  
appointed by the Court of Sessions for the County of Hampshire to estimate  
all damages which any person or persons whose lands were described or

Josiah Fowler

Pet. for

Increase of Dam.

& for a Jury

H. & H. Canal Co.



mentioned in the report of location will sustain and whereas said canal was located over & across the land of your petitioner in said Westfield running North 0. of chains averaging six rods wide to Charles Nobles land and whereas said Canal was varied from this location & located across another part of his land for which the Commissioners allowed him no damages and made due return of this proceedings in the premises and the same has been duly accepted, in consequence of such location across his land your petitioner has been greatly injured over & above the benefit that can possibly accrue to him he therefore prays that a jury may be summoned to assess to him his reasonable damages agreeably to the Statute in such cases provided -

May 18<sup>th</sup> 1820.

Josiah Fowler

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting the County Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of May 1820 by Adjournment from the first Tuesday of April 1820 agreeable to a resolve of the General Court passed Feb. 28. 1820 and was continued after notice ordered from one meeting to meeting till this meeting and now at this meeting it is ordered by the County Commissioners to be dismissed

Roland Barbanks

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Commissioners of the County of Hampshire

Let this pet for a

Road in Westfield

& West Springfield

We the undersigned respectfully ask leave to represent that a new location of roads commencing at the House of Hannah Mosley in West Springfield thence to intersect the Westfield road at some point north of Pliny Loomis' house & from the said Westfield road to the south end of the toll bridge of Westfield River and from the intersection of the Westfield & Northampton roads in Westfield to Pliny Aldermans house would shorten the distance and lessen the hills We therefore request that the Honorable Commissioners could view the aforesaid routes and lay out and establish such new roads as in their opinions the public travel requires and widen the Westfield road from the north end of the said bridge to the west line of the Blip place and discontinue all roads now travelled which may be rendered unnecessary by new locations as in duty bound shall ever pray - Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 1833 - Roland Barbanks & 24 others

The aforesaid petition was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October last past & continued from meeting to meeting till this meeting and now in this meeting it is ordered by the County Commissioners that said petition be dismissed

### Licenses Granted

West Springfield

Elias Winchell Retailer of the store he now occupies

Harvey Root - Ret. of the store he occupies

Jamin L. Fairfield - Inn. at the house he now occupies

Theodora Palmer Inn. at the house she now occupies

Warren Clark Inn. at the house he now occupies

James Bagg Inn. at the house he now occupies



Lyman Whitman Ret. of the store he now occupies  
 P. & H. Ely Ret. of the store they now occupy  
 Elmer B. Bouchet Ret. of his store in 3 parish  
 Amos Allen Inn. of the house he now occupies  
 Abner Miller Inn. of the house he now occupies  
 Eben Ingraham Inn. of the house he now occupies  
 Charles Ely Ret. of wine only of the store he now occupies (no duty)  
 Silas Dewey Ret. of the store he now occupies in feeding hills

Ernest Doane Inn. of the house he now occupies  
 Frederick M. Hatch Inn. of the house he now occupies —

Southwick

Elijah Arnold Ret. of wine only of his store (no duty)

Westfield

Isaac B. Bly Innholder of the house he now occupies  
 Joseph D. Browning Jr Inn. of the house he now occupies  
 Moses Tyler Retailer of the shop he now occupies  
 Royal C. Wales Ret. of the shop he now occupies

Brimfield

Joel Root Retailer of the shop he now occupies —  
 Elijah Seymour Retailer of the store he now occupies  
 Timothy M. Cooley second Retailer of the store he now occupies  
 Elijah Seymour Innholder in the house he now occupies —  
 Charles Phelps Innholder in the house he now occupies —

Granville

James W. Hale Retailer of the village of three rivers  
 Emelius Bond Retailer of the store he now occupies

Palmer

Russell Hawley Innholder of the house lately occupied by John Hawley

Russell

The following accounts against the County were proposed Accounts  
 to and allowed by the County Commissioners & ordered to be paid out Allowed  
 out of the County Treasury

George W. Callender for stationery &c	\$5.40
David Paine for making copy of Treasurer's account	2.50
O. B. Morris & Justice Willard for services	4.00
John Ingersoll for warrants &c bill	5.50
Calab Rice for fees	4.75
M. D. Graves - " setting glass &c	5.67
Benjamin Rathbone for poles	6.00
William Hunt - 2 bills for whitewashing &c	26.72
Harvey Chapin in part of his annual account	200.00
John B. Eldridge for printing abstracts	2.50
Amasa Parsons for services taking care Court House	17.00
	<u>\$200.12</u>

Hampden Co. April 11<sup>th</sup> 1834 Judgment is entered up According to  
 Reports & all matters not acted upon are continued & this meeting  
 is adjourned to the fourteenth day of May next at Nine of the Clock A. M.  
 Attest John Ingersoll Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun &  
 holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the  
 fourth Tuesday of June being the twentyfourth day of said month  
 in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirty four  
 and from day to day to the 20<sup>th</sup> day of said month

Present William Bliss Chairman  
 Joel Norrop Esq. } Commissioners  
 Reuben Boies Esq. }

Nathan Alden  
 Pet. & Pet. for  
 alteration of  
 a Road in Wilbraham  
 & Springfield

To the Honorable Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
 The petition of the undersigned humbly shews that an alteration  
 in a highway road leading from Putts Bridge so called to John  
 M. Crays in Wilbraham is the shortest & most level way through  
 Wilbraham and it is evident that an alteration straightening and  
 a better road is much wanted for the convenience of the traveller  
 from Roswell Phelps' house southwardly to the bridge near  
 Isaac Leach; thence southwardly to the east work or turn of the  
 road about one mile South of said Bridge thence in or near  
 the old road until it intersects the road leading from Springfield  
 to John M. Crays - your petitioners therefore pray that your  
 honors would alter & lay out said road

Wilbraham March 12<sup>th</sup> 1833 Simeon R. Warner & others

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County Com-  
 missioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April  
 in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirty three  
 at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners will  
 meet at the house of Ephraim Sawin in Ludlow on the  
 twenty seventh day of June next at ten O'clock in the forenoon for  
 the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said  
 petition and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations  
 interested therein - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said  
 County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerks of Springfield &  
 Wilbraham each with an attested copy of said petition and this  
 order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places  
 in said Towns respectively an abstract containing the substance  
 of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said  
 meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof  
 with your doings to the Subscriber one of the Commissioners at or  
 before the time of said meeting - William Bliss Chairman  
 and the aforesaid petition was continued from meeting to meeting  
 to this meeting and the Sheriff pursuant to the foregoing order  
 makes the following return - "Hampden Co. May 20<sup>th</sup> 1833

By virtue of the foregoing order I have served the Town Clerk of  
 Springfield with a true & attested copy of the petition & order of  
 notice aforesaid by giving the same to him and I also posted up  
 in two public places in said Town & abstract containing the  
 substance of said petition and on the twenty seventh day of May  
 aforesaid I served the Town Clerk of Wilbraham with a true &  
 attested copy of the petition & order of notice aforesaid by giving the  
 same to him & also posted up in two public places in said Town



an Abstract containing the substance of said petition -

E. Price Sheriff

and now at this meeting The County Commissioners make their report in writing as follows "Hampden, June 27. 1833 The County Commissioners for said County of Hampden having given notice to all persons & corporations interested therein as by the foregoing return of the Sheriff appears, and also caused a copy of said petition with a notice of the time place & purpose of their meeting three weeks since - especially in The Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication being fourteen days before the time of meeting met pursuant to said order and proceeded to view the route designated by said petition - And the said County Commissioners after viewing & hearing all who chose to be heard report that in their opinion Common convenience & necessity do not require that the way prayed should be laid & established as a highway - all which is submitted

William Bliss

Joel Norwicks

Reuben Boies

County

Commissioners

ordered that

which report being read & considered is accepted & the petitioned be dismissed

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To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

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Humbly shew the Subscribers that the now travelled road from the Mosely & Easterly part of Gorby to Chinopee Factory Village is very circuitous & others pet. for and inconvenient for the traveller, that the travel in that a Road in direction is increasing, and that a route may be found partly Springfield on new ground and partly in the old road which will greatly lessen the distance & render the travel much more easy & convenient and it is believed that the proposed route will be the most eligible one which can be found between Springfield & Amherst College wherefore the subscribers humbly pray your honors after due proceedings had to locate & establish a County road from or near the dwellinghouse of Lewis Robinson in Springfield to the above said Factory Village either on new ground or any road now travelled as public necessity & convenience shall require and discontinue any part of any road now established that may become necessary by the location and establishment of the new road and as in duty bound will ever pray -

Springfield Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 1833

Signed Nathaniel B. Mosely & others

The aforesaid petition was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners held for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners will meet at the house of Lewis Robinson in Springfield on the twenty eighth day of June next at ten o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up



in two public places in said Springfield an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to the subscriber one of said Commissioners or before the time of said meeting -

William Bliss Chairman

and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three - and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows: "Hampden Co. May 20<sup>th</sup> 1833

By virtue of the foregoing order I have served the Town Clerk of Springfield with a true & attested copy of the petition & order of notice aforesaid by giving the same to him and I have also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition -

E. Price Sheriff

and at which Meeting holden as last aforesaid the County Commissioners made their report in writing as follows -

"Hampden Co. June 20<sup>th</sup> 1833 The County Commissioners for said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested, pursuant to the foregoing order of Notice and by causing a copy of said petition with the order of Notice of the time & place & purposes of said meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a News paper printed in said County the last publication being at least fourteen days before the time of said meeting; this day met all persons & corporations known to be interested & proceeded to view the route for a highway as prayed for in said petition - after viewing the same and hearing all persons & corporations that wished to be heard the said Commissioners report that in their opinion common convenience & necessity require that a road should be laid out upon said petition commencing on the Granby road near where the Quobbin road parts from it either North or South of the same as may best conform with the line of the line of the road to be laid and running to near where the present Quobbin road passes the slough and thence towards the bridge south of Lewis Robinsons - all which is submitted

William Bliss

Joel Norrop } County  
Nathan Baird } Commissioners

which report being read & considered was accepted and the way adjudged of common convenience & necessity and ordered to be located and this petition was further continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting held for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners ~~will~~ meet at the house of Lewis Robinson in Springfield on the sixth day of June next at Nine O'Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding



to locate & establish on highway upon the petition of aforesaid and  
to hear all persons & corporations interested therein on the subject  
of damages - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County  
or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested  
copy of said petition & this order thirty days at least and post up in  
two public places in said Springfield an abstract containing the  
substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time  
of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make returns  
hereof with your doings to William Bliss Esq. one of said Commissioners  
at or before the time of said meeting - William Bliss Chairman  
and this petition was further continued to this meeting - and  
the Sheriff pursuant to said order makes his return as follows  
"Hampden Co. May 1<sup>st</sup> 1834 By virtue of the foregoing order  
I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with a true & attested  
copy of the petition aforesaid & order of notice thereon by giving  
the same to him and also posted up in two public places  
in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition  
C. Rice Sheriff.

and now at this meeting the County Commissioners make  
their Report in writing as follows "Hampden Co. June 6. 1834  
"on the foregoing petition the County Commissioners for said  
County having given notice to all persons & corporations  
interested therein as by the foregoing return of the Sheriff appears  
and having also caused an abstract containing the substance  
of said petition with a notice of the time place & purpose  
of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the  
Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed in said County  
the last publication being fourteen days before the time of meeting  
met pursuant to said order of notice and proceeded to locate a highway  
as follows." Beginning one rod & fourteen links in front of the  
South east corner of the dwelling house of James M. Baston and  
ran thence S. 10° E. 12 1/2 rods to a stone & stones, thence S. 4° E. 23  
rods 14 links to a stone on the South side of Honey brook at the lower  
end of the South abutment of the present bridge, thence S. 12° E.  
12 rods & two links to a stone & stones on the top of the hill thence  
S. 10° 50' E. 132 rods to a stone & stones on or near the South line  
of land of heirs of Eli Dickinson deceased - thence S. 8° 46' E. 45 rods  
ten links to a large pine tree marked standing near the East  
line of Elder Wright's land thence N. 36° 30' S. 8 rods to a pine  
tree marked thence N. 31° 51' S. 30 rods to a hewn stake marked  
on the west side of the slough near the west line of said Wright's  
land thence N. 20° 25' S. 200 rods five links to a large pine marked  
standing near the South side of the canal or Lyman road;  
thence N. 20° S. 115 rods to a poplar saddle marked standing on the  
westerly side of Errol Moody's land thence on the same course  
137 rods 5 links to a stake standing ten feet north of a black oak  
saddle marked, thence on the same course 292 rods 20 links  
to a stake standing on the East line of the County road from  
Chinope Factory across Shoberg Pond to Granby six rods southwesterly  
of the North line of Otis Shedd's land - said highway is laid three



rods wide and the above line is run on the Westerly & North Westerly side of the road laid out, the travelled path is to be worked twenty feet wide exclusive of ditches - The low ground at the Slough is to be well raised and so constructed as to become a dry road with a sufficient sluice for passage of water - All other bridges & sluices are to be made twenty feet wide - said road is to be constructed in a workmanlike & substantial manner & completed to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of September A.D. 1835 - Six months are allowed for taking off timber & trees - After hearing all persons and corporations who wished to be heard upon the subject of damages we have assessed as follows - To William B. Dickinson Fifty Dollars To the heirs of Eli Dickinson Fifty eight Dollars to Eleazer Wright one dollar to Thomas Moody five dollars to Joel Preston four dollars, to Eleazer Owen two dollars, to Ernes Moody twenty five dollars to Nathaniel Nash thirty two dollars to Josiah Stevens twenty dollars to Jesse Pondleton ten dollars to John Pondleton seven dollars to Claassen Pondleton two dollars to John A. W. Kinstry <sup>five</sup> dollars, <sup>heirs of Lewis M. Kinstry six dollars</sup> to Peter Wright seven dollars to Otis Steel one dollar to Frederick Chapin one dollar, no other persons claimed damages and <sup>all</sup> other persons whose lands are taken for said road are more benefited than damaged - all which is submitted -

William Bliss Seal } County  
Joel Norriss Seal } Commissioners  
Reuben Boies Seal }

which report being read & considered is Accepted and the way therein reported established as a public highway

Joseph Brown To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden - The subscribers Inhabitants of The Town of Palmer Road in Palmer in said County and of the Towns in that vicinity respectfully represent that the public good & convenience require that a County road should be laid out beginning at the Northerly line of the present travelled road through the village of Three Rivers in said County a few rods east of the Factory in said village & thence running Northerly upon the most practicable ground for laying said road to the line of Belcherstown in Hampshire County and in the nearest & most practicable route to said Belcherstown and your petitioners further represent that the Honorable board of Commissioners of the County of Hampshire have viewed a route leading from Belcherstown in said County to the line of Palmer in the County of Hampden towards the village of three rivers in said town of Palmer - And your petitioners request that your Hon<sup>ble</sup> board may cooperate with the Commissioners of Hampshire County in viewing & laying out said road - and in duty bound will ever pray - Dated at Three Rivers Palmer June 21. 1833 -

(Signed) Joseph Brown & others

The aforesaid petition was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County of Hampden on the fourth



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Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirty three at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners will meet at Cooley's tavern in said Palmer on the twenty ninth day of October next at Eleven O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Palmer with an Attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an Abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to Joel Norrop & so one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

William Bliss Chairman

and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting of said Commissioners to the meeting held on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty three - And the said Sheriff pursuant to the foregoing order made his return as follows, "Hampden Co. August 26<sup>th</sup> 1833 I certify that I have served the Town Clerk of Palmer with a true and Attested copy of this petition and order of notice by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Palmer an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

at which Meeting holden as last aforesaid the County Commissioners made the report in writing as follows "Hampden Co. October 29<sup>th</sup> 1833 The County Commissioners for said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested according to the foregoing order of notice and causing a copy of said petition with an order of notice thereon to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication being at least fourteen days before the time of meeting this day met pursuant to said notice, Joel Norrop & Reuben Boies Jr two of the Standing Commissioners were present & William Bliss Chairman of the board was absent whereupon Robert Emery the Special Commissioner for said County having been duly summoned in writing by those present, appeared to act on said petition in stead of the absent Commissioner - and the said Norrop, Boies and Emery proceeded to view the route prayed for in said petition and after viewing the premises and hearing all persons & corporations that wished to be heard and now report that in their opinion Common Convenience & necessity require that a road should be laid out and established as prayed for in said petition all which is Submitted

Joel Norrop } Standing County  
Reuben Boies Jr } Commissioners

Robert Emery Special County Comm<sup>r</sup>

which report being read & considered was accepted and the way therein prayed for adjudged of Common Convenience & necessity and ordered to be laid out - and at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the time of the County near the Three Rivers Factory



in Palmer on the eighth day of May next at Nine O' Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate & establish a highway upon the petition of said and hear all persons & corporations interested therein on the subject of damages. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of said petition and this order thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Palmer and abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return thereof with your doings to Joel Norriss Esqr. one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

William Blyt Chairman

and this petition was further continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff pursuant to said order made his return as follows "Hampden Co. April 5<sup>th</sup> 1834 pursuant to the foregoing order I served the Town Clerk of Palmer with a true and attested copy of the petition of said & order of notice thereon by giving the same to him and also posted up on abstract containing the substance of said petition in two public places in said Town

E Price Sheriff

and now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows, "Hampden Co. May 8<sup>th</sup> 1834 The County Commissioners for the County of Hampden having given notice to all persons & corporations interested according to the foregoing order of notice and also caused an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof and the Order thereon to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Journal a newspaper printed in said County the last publication being fourteen days at least before the time of meeting as aforesaid proceeded to lay out & establish a highway as follows (viz) Beginning at a stake & stones on the line of the Towns of Palmer and Belchertown and on the Easterly side of the highway laid out and run thence S. 6° 40' E. 8 1/2 rods to a stake & stones standing 2 1/2 rods easterly of the easterly face of a large rock thence S. 3° W. 85 rods to a stake & stones; thence S. 4° 30' W. 6 1/2 rods to a small rock & stones; thence S. 18° W. 5 1/2 rods to a stake on the river bank on the S. E. side of the old road, thence S. 33° 30' W. on the S. E. side of said old road 12 1/2 rods to a small pine & stones the line thus far is run on the Easterly side of the road laid out. from the last mentioned bound of a pine & stones we set off N. 56° 30' W. (a right angle) 1 1/2 rods to a stake in the middle of the road laid out and thence (running in the centre of the road in all the courses following) S. 28° 30' W. 4 1/2 rods to a stake standing on the westerly side of the travelled path thence S. 27° 15' E. 5 rods to the N. E. corner post or end of the top rail of the bridge across Chicopee River; thence S. 37° 15' E. 9 rods 7 links to a stake opposite to & three rods from the N. E. corner of the Palmer Factory building - and on a line coinciding with the line of the Northerly end of said building thence S. 36° 20' E. 14 1/2 rods to the Northerly side of County road striking a stake that is supposed to be on the Northerly side of said County road 2 or 5 links S. 42° 30' W. from the S. W. corner



of the Palmer Company's counting house - The above road is laid three rods wide said road is to be wrought so as to make the travelled path twenty feet wide exclusion of ditches the road in the low and Springy places to be well thrown up to become dry, all stones & stumps to be removed before working the travelled path - ditches to be sufficient for draining the road and to be cleared of stumps & stones - the turn from the small rocks and stones above named Southwestly to be made easy & the ascent graded - the bridge across the brook that crosses the present travelled road to be rebuilt of stone and raised three or four feet to help the ascent the turn of the road to the bridge across Chippee River is also to be made gradual & easy - the wings of the abutments of the bridge at both ends on the upstream side to be widened out and well guarded - on the abutments on the down stream side are to be placed strong and well secured railing & boarded up - The Bridge across the Chippee is to be repaired & strengthened by additional braces & timbers in such manner as will make it secure & safe - all other bridges & sluices are to be made twenty feet wide and in a substantial permanent manner and good materials - said road in all respects is to be made in a workmanlike <sup>& substantial</sup> manner to the acceptance of the County Commissioners - to be completed on or before the first day of September A. D. 1835 - after hearing all parties upon the subject of damages we assessed to Purcell James the sum of One Hundred Dollars no other persons were damaged and none were claimed all which is submitted

William Bliss Seal  
Joel Norwicks Seal  
Reuben Boies Jr. Seal } County Commissioners

which report being read & considered is accepted and the way therein described established as for a public highway & ordered to be recorded

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at their Frederick meeting on the fourth Tuesday of December 1833 -  
Complains Frederick Chopin of Springfield in said County for a jury to  
that on the twenty ninth day of June A. D. 1833 the said County  
Commissioners on the Petition of Levi Stedman & others laid out or Com<sup>d</sup>  
and located a County road through & over the land of said Chopin  
situated in said Springfield and made report of the location of said  
road which report was returned & accepted at a meeting of said  
Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1833 by  
which report it appears that said Commissioners have assessed as  
damages by our petitioner the sum of eighty five Dollars - by reason  
of said location & establishment of said road and by reason of the  
small amount of damages the said Frederick is <sup>greatly</sup> aggrieved -  
wherefore he asks that a jury or such a Committee as may be  
agreed upon may be ordered to be summoned by the Commissioners  
of said County to hear him in this behalf & view the premises & render  
him such additional damages as justice demands -

Frederick Chopin by George Whinn his Att<sup>y</sup>.  
The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners  
holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our



Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three and was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four at which meeting the said Chopin appeared & agreed with the County Commissioners upon Charles Stearns Jesse Pondleton & Orrin Dimick as Committee to estimate said damages and thereupon it was ordered by the County Commissioners that Charles Stearns Jesse Pondleton and Orrin Dimick be a Committee to view the premises and a Commission was duly issued to the said Charles Stearns Jesse Pondleton & Orrin Dimick to view the premises who were to be under oath faithfully & impartially to estimate the damages sustained by the said Chopin and to give due & reasonable notice to said Chopin and to William Bliss Esq. who is appointed agent by the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden to appear before said Committee in behalf of the County, at the time & place of their meeting to view the premises and attend said service and this petition was further continued to this meeting - "Hampden ss. June 21<sup>st</sup> 1834 then Charles Stearns Jesse Pondleton & Orrin Dimick named in the foregoing warrant personally appearing made solemn oath that they would faithfully & impartially perform the duties assigned them in the foregoing warrant according to their best skill & judgment Before me Orange Chopin Justice of the Peace and now at this meeting the foresaid Committee make their report in writing as follows - "We the subscribers having attended to the duty required by the above Commission award it as our opinion that the damages which will be sustained by Mr. Frederick Chopin when the road above described is made will be ninety six dollars and we think that he ought to be paid that sum

Springfield June 21<sup>st</sup> 1834

Charles Stearns Seal

Jesse Pondleton Seal

Orrin Dimick Seal

which report being read and considered is accepted by the County Commissioners

Austin Chopin 2<sup>d</sup> Hampden ss. To the Honorable Board of Commissioners for the Lotteries &c. for the County of Hampden at their session to be holden at Springfield alteration of a road in Spring? within & for the said County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1833 - Humbly shews that the present travelled road leading from the dwelling house of Austin Chopin 2<sup>d</sup> in said Springfield to the Court House in said County of Hampden is very circuitous and unnecessarily lengthy and that a route can be shewn by the petitioners leading from the dwelling house of said Chopin and uniting with Chestnut Street near the house of William Dwight Esq. in said Springfield which will greatly shorten the distance between said places - Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable Board would view the premises and make such alterations and improvements as shall to your honorable Board appear necessary for public convenience - Should it appear to your Honorable Board after viewing that the public necessity and



convenience do not require said road to unite with Chestnut Street your petitioners  
would then pray that the present travelled road from the dwelling house of  
said Chapin to said Court House may be made more direct - As in duty  
bound will ever pray - Springfield Sept 27 A.D. 1833  
Austin Chapin & others

The aforesaid petition was entered at the meeting of the County Com-  
missioners held for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three at which meet-  
ing it was ordered that said Commissioners will meet at the house  
of Austin Chapin 2. in Springfield on the twelfth day of November  
next at eleven O. Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding  
to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to  
hear all persons & corporations interested therein - And it is further  
ordered that the Sheriff <sup>of said County</sup> or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield  
with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty  
days at least and post up in two public places in said Town  
an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen  
days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his  
Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to the  
subscriber One of said Commissioners at or before the time of said  
meeting

William Bliss Chairman

and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting of said  
Commissioners to this meeting - And pursuant to the foregoing order  
the Sheriff returns as follows "Hampden Co. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 1833 pursuant  
to the foregoing order I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with  
a true and attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of  
notice thereon and also posted up in two public places in said  
Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Price Sheriff

and now at this Meeting the County Commissioners make  
their report in writing as follows "Hampden Co. November 12<sup>th</sup>  
1833 The County Commissioners for said County gave notice  
to all persons & corporations interested as by the foregoing return  
of the Sheriff appears and also caused a copy of said petition  
with a notice of the time, place & purpose of their meeting to be  
published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican  
a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication being  
fourteen days before the time of meeting, met pursuant to said  
notice and proceeded to view the route prayed for in said petition  
and the said County Commissioners after viewing said route  
and hearing all parties who chose to be heard report that in  
their opinion Common Convenience & necessity do not require  
the same to be laid out & established as a highway - all which  
is submitted

William Bliss

Joel Norwicks

Reuben Boies

County  
Commissioners

which Report being read & considered is accepted and it is  
ordered that said petition be dismissed



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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden at their  
 meeting to be held at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April  
 & others put for current - Respectfully Represent the Subscribers Inhabitants of  
 a road in West Springfield residing in the Parish of Feeding Hills that the public  
 Springfield & good common convenience & necessity require that a road  
 Westfield should be laid out and established as a County road commencing  
 at or near the house of Pliny Alderman in Westfield and running  
 from thence to Morley's Bridge so called and from thence by the  
 present travelled way or by a new or more direct route to the  
 house of Pliny Loomis in said Parish and from thence by the  
 house of Artemus Beebe to the Daniel White house near the  
 Grismill and from thence by the present travelled road to  
 Connecticut line or by a new route easterly of the present road  
 to said Connecticut line and by such a course as to meet a  
 road leading to Wells Taylor's in West Suffield - Your petitioners  
 believe that the present travelled way from said Morley's bridge  
 through Feeding Hills back street so called was never laid out  
 as a public Highway; that the public good requires such way to  
 be established as a public road or highway and that in many  
 places the present travelled road requires to be altered and  
 straightened and otherwise improved and for this purpose  
 the Commissioners are requested to view & lay out the proposed  
 route - Your petitioners further state that the route they propose  
 is believed to be the shortest & best from Northampton to  
 Hartford and that the public accommodations will be greatly  
 promoted by laying out & establishing said road as prayed for  
 in their petition - West Springfield April 4<sup>th</sup> 1834

William Ireland & others

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
 Commissioners holden for said County on the second  
 Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
 hundred & thirty four at which meeting it was ordered that  
 said Commissioners meet at the house of Pliny Loomis in  
 West Springfield on the twelfth day of June next at ten O'clock  
 in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to  
 the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons &  
 corporations interested therein - Also that notice be given to all  
 persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing  
 a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks  
 successively in the Hampden Journal a newspaper printed in  
 County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the  
 time of said meeting - And it is further ordered that the  
 Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk  
 of West Springfield & Westfield each with an attested copy of said  
 petition & this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in  
 two public places in said Towns respectively an abstract containing  
 the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time  
 of said meeting and the Sheriff or his Deputy will make  
 return hereof with his doings to William Bliss Esq. one of said  
 Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting - Wm Bliss Chairman



and this petition was continued to this Meeting - and the Sheriff pursuant to the foregoing order makes return of his doings as follows "Hampden May 9<sup>th</sup> 1834 By virtue of the foregoing order I served the Town & Parish of Westfield & West Springfield <sup>chap</sup> with a true & attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon by giving the same to said Clerks and also posted up an abstract containing the substance of said petition in two public places in each of said Towns more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting  
C. Rice Sheriff

and now the County Commissioners make this Report in writing as follows "Hampden June 12<sup>th</sup> 1834 The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden having given notice to all persons and corporations as by the foregoing return of the Sheriff appears and also having caused a copy of said petition with the foregoing order of notice to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Journal a newspaper printed in said County the last publication being at least fourteen days before the time of meeting, met pursuant to said order and proceeded to view the route prayed for in said petition - and now after viewing said route shewing all parties that wished to be heard the said Commissioners report that in their opinion common convenience & necessity do not require the establishment of a new highway and the alterations prayed for in the foregoing petition - all which is submitted

William Bliss  
Jas Norriss  
Reuben Boies Jr } County  
Commissioners

which report being read & considered is accepted

Ordered by the County Commissioners that David Paine County Treasurer be authorised to borrow on the credit of the County any sum of money that shall be necessary to meet the current expense of the County not exceeding one thousand Dollars  
County Treasurer Authorised to borrow money

The votes for the County Treasurer being counted & sorted it appears that the whole number of votes was six hundred & sixteen - necessary to a choice three hundred & nine - David Paine had five hundred & twenty and is declared by the County Commissioners as chosen, who appeared & was sworn before said Commissioners and gave bond to the acceptance of said Commissioners  
County Treasurer & chosen

The Committee heretofore appointed & charged with the care of Court Square are authorised for the purpose of improving the condition of said Square to sell the right of cutting the grass & hay for a term not exceeding five years at such price in grass or per year as they shall judge expedient - they requiring the purchaser to put upon the land such quantities of manure as they shall think necessary to enrich & improve the same  
County Court Authorised

George Bliss Esq. M<sup>r</sup> Elijah Blaine & Solomon Hatch Esq. are appointed Overseers of the House of Correction in this County  
House of Correction



Col. Harvey Chopin is appointed Master of said House of Correction —

Committee George Bliss Esq. and the Chairman of the County Commissioners are appointed a Committee to consider & draft rules & orders (not repugnant to the laws of this Commonwealth) as they shall deem necessary for the governing & punishing the persons confined in the house of correction and report at the adjourned meeting

Licenses Granted Lewis Collins is licensed as an Innholder at Chester Village in the Town of Chester

Lewis Collins is licensed as a Retailer at Chester Village in the Town of Chester

Albert G. Henry is licensed as an Innholder at Chester North Village in the Town of Chester —

Hampden ss. June 20<sup>th</sup> 1834 All matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned to Tuesday the eighth day of July next at ten O'Clock in the forenoon

Attest John Ingersoll Clerk

#### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. At the meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the second <sup>Tues</sup> day of July being the Eighth day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four by adjournment from the fourth Tuesday of June last past & from day to day to the 12<sup>th</sup> day of month

By William Bliss Esq. Chairman of S. Com<sup>rs</sup>

Joel Norcross Esq. 2 Commissioners  
Nathan Boies Esq. }

Licenses not granted Horace H. Sill Pet. for a license to keep a tavern in Palmer as by petition on file

Prayer of Petition not granted

Report of Com<sup>rs</sup> At this adjourned meeting the Committee appointed for the purpose of drafting rules & orders for the House of Correction not being able to report the County Commissioners adopted certain rules & orders for governing & punishing persons confined in said house and ordered the same to be recorded —

Committee Ordered that the Committee appointed for the purpose be authorized to report a more detailed & perfect system of rules & orders at the next regular meeting after they shall have completed their report —

Licenses Ephraim Allen is licensed to keep a Temperance tavern at Palmer at the three rivers in the house lately occupied by Olney Cooley

Samuel Henry is licensed to keep a tavern in the Town of Chester in the house occupied by him at the Chester Fortories —



Rules & orders for the governing & punishing persons confined in the House of Correction in the County of Hampden

First — The person of each individual committed to the house of Correction as soon as received shall be carefully inspected & thoroughly washed & cleansed, natural & artificial marks and complexion are to be noted, height, age, occupation, place of birth and last residence are to be ascertained and these several particulars shall be registered by the master

Second — The inmates shall keep their persons clean and take special care not to tear or unnecessarily injure their clothes, beds and room furniture

Third — The time for work shall be from sunrise to sunset (Sundays & annual Fast & Thanksgiving excepted) with such intervals for refreshment & regular meals breakfast & dinner not exceeding in all one hour as the overseers shall judge proper

Fourth — No loud talking by the inmates among themselves or with others — no speaking with or to any person without the yard — no obscene, profane or indecent language; no song singing no noise or disturbance whatever (except such as is necessarily occasioned by labor) are to be allowed

Fifth — No inmate shall write send or receive any letter unless by permission and after inspection by the master

Sixth — Persons in confinement shall hold no communication with any domestic of the house or ask any questions unless in relation to their food, health or some matter necessary to their comfort nor converse with any visitor unless by permission of the master and in his presence

Seventh — Prompt obedience is to be yielded to the lawful Commands of the Overseers & master who are at all times to be addressed civilly & respectfully

Eighth — Each visitor shall pay the keeper 12 1/2 cents for his attendance & trouble

Ninth — No visitor to be admitted on Sunday except in case of sickness or for religious instruction.

Tenth — Every inmate guilty of a breach of the second, fourth, fifth, sixth & seventh rules above enumerated or of any other improper conduct may be punished by a diminution of food and by solitary confinement according to the nature and aggravation of the offence; said confinement not to exceed ten days for each offence — all punishments are to be sanctioned by the Overseers

The following Accounts against the County of Hampden were prepared and allowed by the County Commissioners & ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury

Caleb Rice for fees &c	\$34.70
George W. Gallender for binding books &c	11.40
Joel Norriss for Coroners fees &c	9.30
James Wells for paper	13.50
Charles Stearns for services as Committee	2.00
	<hr/> 70.90



Accounts list over -

Jesse Pendleton for services as Committee	\$70.98
Orrin Dimick for services as Committee	2.00
Philip Wilcox for stoe	2.00
John M. Cord for Ventuloting Caust House	15.84
P. F. Wilcox for fire pan	36.00
David Paine for surveying	.50
G. L. C. Merriam for paper	3.00
John Ingersoll for fees	25.75
Samuel W. Bolden for medical Attendance at jail	4.31
Willard Bliss for paper hangings	10.00
Carlo Sonette for painting & papering	6.67
Harvey Chapin balance of his account	14.62
Amasa Parsons for services &c	84.60
	0.
	\$204.32

Damages for Roads

John Linnett	0.00
John Collier	60.00
Frederick Chapin	96.00
Sylvester Chapin	15.00
	\$463.32

Hampden ss. July 12<sup>th</sup> 1834 All matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued & this meeting is adjourned without day

Attest John Ingersoll Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners  
held at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on  
the first Tuesday of October being the seventh day of said month  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty  
four and from day to day to the eighth day of said month  
By William Bliss Esqr. Chairman  
Isaac Norcross Esqr. }  
Reuben Boies Jr Esqr. } Commissioners

Isaac Palmer Pet. for a jury To the Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
Your Petitioner would respectfully Represent that he petitioned  
your Honorable Board on the second Tuesday of May last past for  
a jury to be ordered & summoned agreeable to law to assess the  
damages between him & the Hampshire & Hampden Canal  
Company for locating a feeder for said Canal over your petitioner's  
land and that his petition was granted and a warrant was issued  
on the twenty third day of September last past directed to the  
Sheriff of the County of Hampden or either of his deputies in said  
County which was afterwards delivered to David H. Marwin then  
long before and ever since a Deputy Sheriff in said County who  
summoned a jury to meet on the thirtieth day of October last  
past at the dwelling house of some of your petitioners in Russell in



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said County the jury having met agreeable to said summons proceeded  
to view and estimate the damages done your petitioner by the by the location  
of said feeder on the same thirtieth day of October gave a verdict in writing  
that the damages done to your petitioner by the foresaid Company in  
locating said feeder across his land was one Hundred & Ninety six dollars  
which verdict was returned to the then next Court of Common Pleas  
in said County and motion made for the acceptance of said verdict  
by said Court said Court refused to accept said verdict upon the ground  
of informality because the warrant was directed and the jury summoned  
by a Deputy Sheriff - Your petitioner would therefore request you to  
issue a new warrant directed to the proper Officer & summon a jury  
to assess the damage done your petitioner by locating the great Main  
feeder of the Hampshire & Hampden Canal - Isaac Palmer  
By Eli B. Hamilton Jr. atty.

and now at this meeting ~~the~~ it is ordered that the foresaid  
petition be dismissed

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of the County of Marquis  
Hampden of this Session next to be holden at Springfield on The second Tuesday of at  
Tuesday of April A.D. 1832 at Oct. for or  
The Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Brimfield in said County road in Brim  
and of the Towns in that vicinity respectfully represent that the highway - feeder Palmer  
leading from said Brimfield by Bagbee's Mills in Palmer to Springfield  
and to Northampton is hilly circuitous and inconvenient to the  
public and that the public convenience & necessity require that  
a County road should be laid out to commence at a place near the  
house of James Fenton in Brimfield and thence running in  
a westerly direction to said Bagbee's Mills in such a manner as  
to avoid the hills which are now encountered in travelling the  
road near the South bank of Chicopee River which passes the  
house of Hanson Wallis - they therefore pray that the same may  
be viewed and such alterations made & established as the conven-  
ience of the public requires Marquis Corverse Lotners  
March 12 1832

The aforesaid petition was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners  
holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two and was continued to  
the meeting of said Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth  
Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and thirty two at which last meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners  
will meet at the house of Ephraim Fenton in Palmer on the fifteenth  
day of August next at Nine O'Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of  
proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing  
to hear all persons and corporations interested therein - And it is further  
ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerks  
of Palmer & Brimfield & Mansion each with an attested copy of said petition  
and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places  
in said Towns respectively an abstract containing the substance of said  
petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff  
or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to William Bliss



one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

And this petition was further continued from meeting to meeting to the Meeting of said County Commissioners held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two - And pursuant to the foregoing order the Sheriff returns as follows, "Hampden Co. July 10<sup>th</sup> 1832 By virtue of the foregoing order I have served the Town Clerks of Palmer Brimfield and Monson each with an attested copy of the petition of said and order of notice thereon by leaving the same at their several places of abode & also posted up abstracts containing the substance of said petition in two public places in each of said Towns

C. Rice Sheriff

At which last mentioned meeting of said County Commissioners the County Commissioners made their report in writing as follows, "Hampden Co. August 16<sup>th</sup> 1832 The County Commissioners for said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition according to the foregoing order of notice and also by causing a copy of said petition with a notice of the place, time & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Journal & Advertiser a news paper printed in said County the last publication being fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting met at the time & place in said order of notice mentioned and Reuben Boies Jr. one of the Standing Commissioners being absent & unable to act the Commissioners present (viz) William Bliss & Joel Norrop notified & summoned Robert Emory the Special County Commissioner to meet with said Commissioners and act upon said petition in the room of said Boies - Whereupon the said Emory appeared at said time & place and proceeded with the said Bliss and Norrop to view the route of the road prayed for - and the petitioners, a Committee on behalf of the Town of Palmer - the Selectmen of Monson and sundry owners of land on said route together with such other corporations and persons as chose to be heard appeared & were heard upon the subject matter of said petition - and upon due consideration the said Commissioners report that in their opinion Common Convenience & necessity require that the road in said petition mentioned should be altered by following the road laid out on the petition of John Sedgewick & others Easterly of Bugbee's Mills in Palmer to a convenient point for separation and to run thence in the most convenient direction across the river to a point near James Tentons house in Brimfield - all which is submitted

William Bliss County Com<sup>r</sup>

Joel Norrop

Robert Emory Special County Com<sup>r</sup>

which Report being read and considered was Accepted by the County Commissioners and the way therein mentioned adjudged of Common Convenience & necessity -



and this petition was further continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four - at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at Newtons Bridge so called in Brimfield on the thirteenth day of August next at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and after locating to hear all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time & place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in The Hampden Journal a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerks of Monson Brimfield & Palmer each with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Towns respectively an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Subscriber one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting - William B. Chapman and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and pursuant to the foregoing order the Sheriff makes his return as follows - "Hampden Co. July 8<sup>th</sup> 1834 In obedience to the foregoing order I served the Town Clerks of Monson, Brimfield & Palmer each with a true & attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon by giving the same to them respectively and also posted up in two public places in each of said Towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition  
C. Price Sheriff.

and now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their report in writing as follows - "Hampden Co. August 13<sup>th</sup> 1834 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in this petition by causing an abstract containing the substance of said petition <sup>to be published</sup> together with the foregoing order thereon three weeks successively in The Hampden Journal a newspaper printed in said County the last publication being fourteen days at least before the time of meeting and also a further notice as by the foregoing return of the Sheriff appears in due form of law, not pursuant to said order of notice and Joel Norcross one of the standing Commissioners was absent & unable to act - Whereupon Robert Emery being summoned by the Chairman and R. Baies Jr. who were present, appeared to act in the stead of said Norcross and the board thus organized proceeded to locate the way and alterations of the way prayed for as follows "Begining at a stone & stones on the southwesterly side of present road about ninety three rods southerly of Newtons Bridge and near the junction of the S. Westerly line of said road with the Northwesterly line of a road leading to Monson and run thence N. 21° W. 19 rods to a white oak marked thence N. 35° 3/4° W. 11 rods to a stone & stones thence N. 44 1/2° W. 15 rods to a



Stakes & stones - thence N.  $52\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  W. 42 rods to stake & stones 75.76  
 from S.E. corner of Ephraim Fenton's house and on a line coinciding with  
 the line of the easterly end of his house prolonged; thence N  $51\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  W.  $3\frac{1}{4}$  rods  
 to a black oak marked - thence N.  $61^{\circ}$  W. 75 rods crossing the River to a  
 stake & stones on the brow of the hill thence  $53^{\circ}$  W. 32 rods to a stake &  
 stones the boundary of the road laid out on the petition of John Sedgwick  
 and others standing on the land of Benjamin Converse - crossing on  
 said route land of George P. Wright, Ephraim Fenton, William  
 Chandler & Benjamin Converse - said road is laid three rods wide  
 and the above described line as run is the Southwesterly line of said  
 road - the bridge across the river is to be built as near on a line  
 parallel with the line of the road as the course of the stream will  
 admit - is to be fifteen feet wide in the clear with good stone  
 abutments and in point of durability, materials & workmanship  
 to be full equal to the Bridge near Jesse Shrogs - the road is to be  
 worked 20 feet wide for travelled path exclusive of ditches  
 and with suitable mounds & ditches & sluices - rocks & stumps to  
 be taken out before the road is worked - the low ground is to be  
 well thrown up & covered with materials from the higher parts  
 so as to make the same dry & hard - hills to be hauled down  
 so as not to exceed four degrees of ascent - the entrance upon the  
 bridge at each end to be safe & easy - obstructions in the road laid  
 out to be removed before the first of March next - said road and  
 bridge are in all respects to be constructed in a substantial  
 and workmanlike manner and to be completed to the acceptance  
 of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of  
 September 1835 - We assessed damages as follows (viz)  
 To George P. Wright the sum of one dollar to Ephraim Fenton  
 Sixty Dollars to William Chandler thirty dollars to Benjamin  
 Converse forty dollars - we estimated the expense of constructing  
 one half of said bridge and of the road in the Town of Palmer  
 at the sum of Two Hundred Dollars - and order that one half of  
 said sum (viz) One Hundred Dollars be paid from the County  
 Treasury to the Town of Palmer whenever the same shall be  
 completed to the acceptance of said Commissioners all which is  
 submitted

William Bliss Secy County Com.  
 Reuben Davis Jr. Secy  
 Robert Emery Secy Special Commis.

which report being read & considered is accepted and the way  
 established as a public highway & ordered to be recorded

Jonathan Dwight To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
 & others Pet. for alter. Respectfully represent your petitioners that several alterations  
 = alterations  
 road in West Springfield may be made from Hosea Bliss' in West Springfield Northerly to  
 Northampton line to meet a route for a new road or such alterations  
 as may be made in the old road in Northampton running either  
 upon the East or West side of Mount Tom as shall be thought most  
 for the public good - they therefore pray that a view may be  
 had and such further proceedings as are necessary  
 April 12<sup>th</sup> 1833 Signed J. Dwight & others



The foresaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commis-  
sioners holden for said County on the Second Tuesday of April in the year of  
our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirty three and continued  
to the meeting of said Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth  
Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred  
& thirty three at which last meeting it was ordered that said Commis-  
sioners will meet at the store of P. F. Ely in West Springfield on the  
thirty first day of July next at Nine O. Clock in the forenoon for the  
purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition  
and after viewing & hear all persons & corporations interested therein  
and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his  
Deputy serve the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested  
copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least &  
post up in two public places in said West Springfield an abstract  
containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least  
before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will  
make return hereof with your doings to the subscriber one of  
said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

William Bliss Chairman

and this petition was further continued from meeting to meeting  
to the meeting of said Commissioners held for said County on the  
fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight  
hundred & thirty four - and pursuant to the foregoing order the  
Sheriff of said County makes his Return as follows "Hampden June  
29<sup>th</sup> 1833 By virtue of the foregoing order I have served the  
Town Clerk of West Springfield with a true & attested copy of the  
foregoing petition & order of Notice thereon by giving the same  
to him & also posted up on abstract of said petition in two  
public places in said Town as within directed

E. Price Sheriff

and of which last mentioned meeting of said Commissioners  
the County Commissioners make their Report in writing as  
follows "Hampden July 31<sup>st</sup> 1833 On the Petition of said the  
County Commissioners for said County of Hampden having given  
notice to all persons & corporations interested therein as by the fore-  
going return of the Sheriff appears and also caused a copy of said  
petition with an order of Notice of the time place & purpose of this  
meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden  
Journal a newspaper printed in said County the last publication  
being fourteen days before the time of meeting, met pursuant  
to said order of Notice Joel Norriss and Reuben Boies Jr. two  
of the Standing Commissioners being present caused Robert  
Emery the Special Commissioner of said County to be summoned  
in writing to appear and act upon said petition in the place  
of William Bliss the Chairman of the board who was absent and  
unable to attend - And the said Norriss, Boies & Emery who appeared  
on said summons, proceeded to view the route designated in said  
petition and after viewing & hearing all persons & corporations  
that chose to be heard report that in their opinion common convenience  
and necessity require that certain alterations should be made and



established in the present travelled road from Horsa Bluff to Northampton line so as to avoid the hills and otherwise to amend widen & straighten said road - all which is submitted

Joel Norrop J County  
Reuben Davis Jr Com<sup>rs</sup>

Robert Emery Special Com<sup>r</sup>

which report being read & considered was accepted by the County Commissioners the way adjudged of Common Convenience and necessity and ordered to be laid out - and it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the store of P. J. Ely in West Springfield on the second day of October next at ten O'Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and after locating to hear all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition & a notice of the time & place & purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Journal a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to William Bliss one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

William Bliss Chairman

and this petition was further continued from meeting to meeting of said Commissioners to this meeting - and pursuant to the foregoing order the Sheriff returned as follows "Hampden J. August 21<sup>st</sup> 1834

By virtue of the foregoing order I have served the Town Clerk of West Springfield with a true & attested copy of the petition & of said order of Notice thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling house and also posted in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

E. Price Sheriff

and now the said County Commissioners make their report in writing as follows "Hampden J. October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1834 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by causing an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof together with the foregoing order thereon to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Journal a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication being at least fourteen days before the said time of meeting also the further notice required by law as by the foregoing return of the Sheriff appears met at the time & place in said order of Notice mentioned & proceeded to lay out & establish certain alterations of the highway as prayed for in said petition as follows (viz) beginning at a stone & stones about two links within the front fence opposite the N. W. corner of



Francis Ashley's house and run thence N. 11° E. 97 rods 13 links crossing  
 Oriley Brooks & lands of Horace Smith & Aaron Ashley to a stake in  
 Alexander Day's land thence on said Day & Ebenezer Jones Jr. land  
 N. 9° 30' E. 36 rods to a chestnut tree marked on said Jones' land thence  
 N. 10° 20' E. 33 rods on said Jones' land to a stake in the fence, thence  
 N. 9° E. 30 rods on said Jones to a stake on Hiram Jones South line  
 of his Orchard; thence N. 72° 30' W. 35 rods 15 links through said Orchard  
 to the present County road - from this last point some alterations  
 were made in the present travelled road as follows running  
 from said last point or station N. 0° 45' W. 28 rods 3 links to an apple  
 tree marked on Pelotiah Ely's land; thence N. 8° 15' E. 12 rods to the  
 South fence of the door yard of said Ely 10 links from the S. W. corner  
 of the door yard fence - thence N. 15° 20' E. 25 rods 15 links to a maple  
 tree marked on the east side of the road opposite Moses Ely's house  
 thence N. 17° 45' E. 43 rods ten links to a stake stones thirteen feet west  
 of a large apple tree; thence N. 13° 30' E. 36 rods to a stake in Horace  
 Day's South line crossing partly said Moses Ely & Warren Hitchcock  
 thence on said Day N. 38° E. 15 rods to a stake on land of Alexander Day  
 thence the line crosses the present road N. 32° 30' E. 30 rods to a stake on  
 the westerly side of the present travelled path thence N. 14° 45' E. 14 rods to  
 a stake on the westerly side of said path thence N. 2° 30' E. 11 rods 15  
 links to a stake on the east side of said path thence N. 16° 30' W. 8 rods  
 14 links to a stake on Easterly side of said path thence N. 17° 50' W. 8 rods  
 22 links to a stake in Reuben Adkins land thence N. 12° W. 6 rods 15  
 links to a stake standing on the east side of a large rock on said  
 Adkins land - thence N. 2° 40' E. 7 rods on said Adkins to a stake  
 in the South line of Willard Ely's land thence N. 10° 30' E. 4 rods ten  
 links on said Ely's land to a stake thence N. 26° 15' E. 16 rods to a  
 Chestnut on the side hill marked - thence N. 25° E. 40 rods 12 1/2 links  
 to a stake in the road or commons standing 2 rods S. 67° E. from  
 a large black oak nearly opposite Jube Ely's dwelling house  
 said road is laid four rods wide and the above line as run  
 is the Easterly line of the laid road - after hearing all persons &  
 corporations that wished to be heard upon the subject of damages  
 we assessed said damages as follows viz - Horace Day ten dollars  
 Horace Smith eighty five dollars Aaron Ashley fifty five dollars  
 Alexander Day forty six dollars Ebenezer Jones Jr. one hundred  
 and thirty dollars Hiram Jones one hundred dollars Pelotiah  
 Ely twelve dollars Moses Ely one dollar Warren Hitchcock five  
 dollars Reuben Adkins twelve dollars Willard Ely one dollar  
 No other persons were damaged or claimed damages - six months  
 are allowed to owners of timber & trees to remove the same said  
 road is to be completed to the acceptance of the County Commissioners  
 on or before the first day of September next - the travelled path in  
 the clear is to be 20 feet wide and in all respects equal to the road as it  
 now is lately made by the Commissioners said town on the petition of  
 Almon Wolcott & others all which is submitted - William Bliss Secy } County  
 Joel Norriss Secy } Commrs  
 Reuben Boies Jr Secy

which report being read & considered is accepted & the way established as of a public high  
 way



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Road in Tolland the Court to be holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June  
& Granville on 10. 1833. We the Inhabitants of Tolland & Granville to the Hon-  
ble J. W. Granger auoison to represent to your honors that a road to commence at the  
Tollers -

County road that leads through Tolland & Granville near the house of  
Martin Rogers in said Tolland thence south by Justus Smiths  
to the road in south part of Tolland thence from said road easterly  
by the Hatchings house to the Hubbards brook in said Granville  
thence southeasterly partly on said brook by Jesse Cornwall to  
the state line in Northland Hollow and in the opinion of your  
petitioners it would be the straightest & best communication  
between Hartford & the aforesaid Towns, meaning the Southwest  
part of Granville - and the most direct route from said Hartford  
to Albany in both shortening of distance & saving of hills - We  
therefore pray that the Honorable County Commissioners would  
view said route & establish the same as a County road or any  
part thereof as they in their wisdom may think fit & proper  
and as in duty bound will ever pray -

Signed George W. Granger & others

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of  
June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirty  
three at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners  
will meet at the house of Martin Rogers in Tolland on the third  
day of October next at ten o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose  
of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and for  
viewing to hear all persons & Corporations interested therein and  
it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy  
serve the Town Clerks of Tolland & Granville each with an  
attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at  
least and post up in two public places in said Towns respectively  
an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen  
days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his  
Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to William  
Bliss one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

William Bliss Chairman

and the aforesaid petition was continued from meeting to  
meeting to the meeting of said Commissioners holden for said County  
on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred & thirty three - and pursuant to the foregoing order  
the Sheriff made return as follows "Hampden 23 August 1833  
I certify that a true & attested copy of the foregoing petition & order of  
notice was left at the last & usual place of abode of the Town Clerk of  
Granville and also an abstract containing the substance of said  
petition was posted up in two public places in said Town and  
on the twenty-fourth day of August of aforesaid a true and attested  
copy of said petition & order of notice was left at the last & usual place  
of abode of the Town Clerk of Tolland and also an abstract containing  
the substance of said petition was posted up in two public places in said  
Tolland -

C. Price Sheriff



at which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners made their report in writing as follows: "Hampden Co. Oct. 3. 1833 The County Commissioners for said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested according to the foregoing order to return and by causing a copy of said petition with an order of notice of the time place and purpose of the meeting to be published in the Hampden Whig a News paper printed in said County three weeks successively the last publication being at least fourteen days before the time of meeting and pursuant to said notice and proceeded to view the route as prayed for in said petition and now after hearing all persons & corporations that wished to be heard and upon consideration of the premises the said Commissioners report that in their opinion common convenience and necessity require that a road should be laid out and established from near the house of Martin Rogers in said Tolland by Justus Smiths (or near it) to the ~~road~~ Southport of said Tolland being part of the route mentioned in said petition all which is submitted

William Bliss }  
Joel Norriss } County  
Reuben Baies } Commissioners

which report being read & considered is accepted and the way adjudged of common convenience & necessity - and the aforesaid petition was further continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of said Commissioners held on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Martin Rogers in Tolland on the seventh day of August next at ten O'Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and after locating to hear all persons & corporations <sup>upon the subject of damages -</sup> also that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time place & purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Tolland with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the subscriber one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

William Bliss Chairman

and the aforesaid petition was further continued to this meeting - and pursuant to the foregoing order the <sup>Deputy</sup> Sheriff makes his return as follows: "Hampden Co. July 7. 1834 In obedience to the foregoing order I have served the Town Clerk of Tolland with a true & attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling house and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

J. M. Cooley 2<sup>d</sup> Dep. Sheriff

and now at this meeting the County Commissioners make this report



in writing as follows "Hampden 1st August 1834 The County Commissioners of said County of Hampden having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition pursuant to the foregoing order thereon by causing an abstract containing the substance of said petition together with said order thereon to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication being at least fourteen days before the time of meeting and also gave further notice as by the foregoing return of the Deputy Sheriff appears this day met at the house of Martin Rogers in said Tolland and proceeded to lay out a high-way as follows (viz) Beginning at a stone & stones by the wall on the South side of the road nearly opposite the shop of Martin Rogers and ran thence S.  $23\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  W. 27 rods & links on land of Marvin Moore, to a stone & stone in the division fence between said Moore and Oliver E. Slauern, thence on land of said Slauern S.  $7\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 31 rods 13 links to a stone & stones in a cypress fence thence S.  $16\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 29 rods to a stone & stones - thence S.  $26\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 115 rods to a stone & stones standing six feet westerly of an Elm tree - thence same course 26 rods to the dividing line between said Slauern & Loyal Humphrey and continued the same course on said Humphrey's land 53 rods 12 links to a large hemlock marked - thence S.  $23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 38 rods to a stone & stones at North end of a stone wall; thence S.  $19^{\circ}$  E. 23 rods by said Wall to a stone & stones at the North end of another piece of wall - thence S.  $4\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 73 rods to a beech tree marked on the top of the hill - thence S.  $5^{\circ}$  E. 46 rods to a stone & stones on a flat rock thence S.  $16\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 16 rods to a stone & stones at the South side of said Humphrey's land on the North side of the old road - said road is laid four rods wide and on the westerly side of the line run out as aforesaid - In the construction of said road the ground is to be broken 24 feet wide - the travelled path is to be sixteen feet wide exclusive of the ditches - one dry bridge on Slauern's land and another is allowed to be built by said Slauern if he so chooses ground in low places is to be well thrown up - ledges are to be covered with earth of a suitable depth - Mounds, bridges, & sluices of suitable dimensions & materials are to be made in a durable and permanent manner - Six months are allowed for taking off timber and removing other obstructions on said road - said road is to be finished in substantial & workmanlike manner on or before the first day of September 1835 to the satisfaction of the Commissioners - We assessed damages as follows.

To Marvin Moore the sum of Sixty Dollars To Oliver E. Slauern the sum of Three Hundred Dollars To Loyal Humphrey the only other person damaged by the laying said road relinquished all claim to damages - We estimated the expense of making said road at three hundred & sixty dollars and order that one half that sum (viz) One hundred & eighty dollars to be paid to the Town of Tolland from the County Treasury whenever said road shall be completed & accepted by the County Commissioners all which is submitted.

William Bly } County  
Jed. Norliff }  
Nathan Davis Jr. } Commrs 1834



which Report being read & considered is accepted and the way established  
as a public highway & ordered to be recorded

To the board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden Road in  
Humbly shew the Subscribers that the County road from the house Springfield  
of Joseph Corcoran to Chicopee Bridge in Springfield is hilly circuitous on the Pot.<sup>n</sup>  
and sandy that public convenience requires that a new road should of John Chase  
be laid out there passing on or near the banks of Connecticut River & others  
at the Northend of Plainfield - they therefore pray that after due notice  
given a road may be laid out & established in such place as will  
best accommodate the public - Springfield Sept 1833 John Chase & others  
The aforesaid petition was entered at the meeting of the County  
Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of  
October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred &  
thirty three at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners  
will meet at the house of John Chase in Springfield on the thirteenth  
day of November next at Nine O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose  
of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after  
viewing to hear all persons & Corporations interested therein - and  
it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy  
serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said  
petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in  
two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance  
of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting  
The Sheriff or his Deputy will on the return hereof with your  
doings to the Subscriber one of said Commissioners at or before the  
time of said meeting

William Bliss Chairman  
and the aforesaid petition was continued from meeting to meeting  
of said Commissioners to the meeting holden for said County on  
the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred & thirty four - and pursuant to the foregoing order  
the Sheriff made his return as follows "Hampden Co. Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1833  
pursuant to the foregoing order I served the Town Clerk of Springfield  
with a true & attested copy of the petition aforesaid & order of notice  
thereon by giving the same to him and also posted up in  
two public places in said town an abstract containing the  
substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff  
and at which <sup>June</sup> meeting the County Commissioners made their  
Report in writing as follows "Hampden Co. November 13<sup>th</sup> 1833  
On the petition aforesaid the County Commissioners for said County  
having given notice to all persons & Corporations interested therein  
as by the foregoing return of the Sheriff appears and also by causing  
a copy of said petition with a notice of the time place & purpose  
of their meeting three weeks successively in the Springfield  
Republican a newspaper printed in said County the last  
publication being at least fourteen days before the time of said  
meeting met pursuant to said order of notice and proceeded to  
view the route designated by said petition and after viewing  
said route and hearing all persons & Corporations that chose to be  
heard the report that in their opinion common convenience and



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necessity require that a highway should be laid out & established  
as prayed for in said petition running from near the house of Joseph  
Coxe northwesterly on either side of Round Hill to the place called  
Rocky Rimmon near Connecticut River at the North end of plain  
field and from thence on a route leading to Chisfree Bridge  
in said Springfield — all which is submitted

William Bliss }  
Joel Norwys } County  
Reuben Boies Jr. } Common

which report being read & considered is accepted — the way  
prayed for adjudged to be of Common convenience and  
necessity and ordered to be laid out — and at which meeting holden  
as last aforesaid it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the  
Hampden Coffeehouse in Springfield on the thirtieth day of September  
next at ten o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to  
locate according to the prayer of said petition and after locating to  
hear all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages  
also that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested  
in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a  
notice of the time & place & purpose of said meeting three weeks  
successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper printed  
in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least  
before the time of said meeting — And it is further ordered  
that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town  
Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and  
this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public  
places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said  
petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting  
The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his  
doings to William Bliss one of said Commissioners at or before  
the time of said meeting

William Bliss Chairman

and this petition was further continued to this meeting —  
and pursuant to the foregoing order the Sheriff makes his  
return as follows — "Hampden Co. August 21<sup>st</sup> 1834 By virtue  
of the foregoing order I have served the Town Clerk of Springfield  
with a true and attested copy of petition aforesaid and order of  
notice thereon by giving the same to him & also posted up  
in two public places in said town an abstract containing  
the substance of said petitions — C Rice Sheriff —  
and now at this meeting the said County Commissioners  
make their Report in writing as follows — "Hampden Co.  
September 30<sup>th</sup> 1834 The County Commissioners of the County of  
Hampden having given notice to all persons & corporations  
interested in the aforesaid petition by causing an abstract  
containing the substance of said petition with the foregoing order  
thereon to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield  
Republican a newspaper printed in said County, the last  
publication being at least fourteen days before the time of meeting  
and also a further notice according to laws as by the foregoing  
return of the Sheriff appears on or at the time & place in said order



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mentioned and proceeded to lay out & establish a highway as follows (viz)  
 Beginning at a stone in the ground on the westerly side of the present  
 County road near the Canal Bridge and run thence S.  $12^{\circ}45'$  W. 10 links  
 to a stake thence W.  $63\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  N. 15 rods 22 links to a stake standing E. & N. 11 links  
 S. W. from corner of Cabot Counting Room & three rods 15 links N.  $17^{\circ}$  E. from  
 a house on corner of Front & Cabot Streets thence S.  $73\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  W. on a line ten  
 feet in front of the houses on Cabot Street 90 rods to a stake at the northerly  
 line of another street - thence S.  $41^{\circ}40'$  W.  $58\frac{1}{2}$  rods to a stake 2 feet from the  
 S. E. corner of James Talcott's house thence S.  $46^{\circ}$  W. 4 rods  $17\frac{1}{2}$  links to a stake standing  
 two rods from the N. W. corner of Joshua Crosby's house thence S.  $43\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  W.  $41\frac{1}{2}$  rods  
 15 links to the southern trunk of a notched apple tree on land of Joseph Chopin  
 thence S.  $23^{\circ}$  W. 11 rods 5 links to an apple tree on the side hill near the border  
 of Connecticut River - the road thus far to be three rods wide, and the line  
 run is the westerly side of said road and from the last named tree to the  
 next station the road is to widen out so as to be five rods wide, at said next  
 station extending two rods westerly of said station and three rods  
 easterly thereof - from the last named tree we continued the line  
 S.  $13\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W. 19 rods 10 links to the river side of a large oak in the side of the  
 River bank thence S.  $83\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  W.  $7\frac{1}{2}$  rods to a small hemlock marked  
 thence S.  $11\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W. 4 rods ten links to an alder marked - thence S.  $7\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W. 4 rods  
 5 links to a maple marked thence S.  $5^{\circ}$  W. 8 rods to a hemlock marked  
 thence S.  $5^{\circ}$  E. 8 rods 8 links to a stake thence S.  $7^{\circ}$  W. 9 rods 4 links to an  
 oak marked thence S.  $21^{\circ}$  W. 9 rods to a chestnut marked, thence S.  $23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$   
 W. 8 rods to a stake standing 4 feet from the west side of a large hemlock  
 thence S.  $12\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W. 7 rods to a stake south of the brook & standing on Jos. Chopin  
 land - to this last named stake from the large oak before mentioned  
 as standing in the bank of the river the road is to be five rods wide, lying  
 3 rods easterly & two rods westerly of the line run - we continued the line  
 from said stake S.  $6^{\circ}$  W.  $13\frac{1}{2}$  rods to a stake at the northerly end of Eli Burt's  
 garden - from the stake south of the brook above named to the stake  
 at the northerly end of said Burt's garden the road is to be gradually  
 narrowed from five rods wide to be three rods wide at the stake by  
 the garden from which station for the residue of the way the road  
 is to be three rods wide and the line hereafter described as run  
 is the westerly line of said road - we continued the same course  
 from said station (viz. S.  $6^{\circ}$  W.) 19 rods to the S. E. corner of Eli Burt's  
 house, thence S.  $7^{\circ}$  W. 79 rods 22 links to a maple tree marked  
 on Seth Stebbins land thence S.  $2^{\circ}15'$  W. 4 rods 7 links to a stake  
 standing 21 links northerly of said Stebbins southerly line thence  
 S.  $7^{\circ}40'$  E. 12 rods five links to a stake - thence S.  $11^{\circ}$  E. 37 rods to the  
 easterly stem of a cluster of apple trees thence S.  $10^{\circ}30'$  E. 331 rods five  
 links to a stake on land of Darius Wright & near the brook thence  
 S.  $23^{\circ}$  E. 51 rods 10 links to a large chestnut tree marked the easterly  
 side of Round Hill - thence S.  $39^{\circ}20'$  E. 29 rods 5 links to a small  
 walnut staddle, thence S.  $34^{\circ}30'$  E.  $35\frac{1}{2}$  rods to a button ball tree in  
 Thomas Bonds front fence and intersecting there with main street  
 the easterly line of the road intersecting with main street near and  
 against the house of Joseph Carver - said road crosses lands of the  
 canal company, Asaiah Vanhorn, Joseph Chopin, Pliny Chopin, Eli Burt, Thos Burt  
 Talcott, Joshua Crosby, Joseph Chopin, Pliny Chopin, Eli Burt, Thos Burt



Seth Stebbins, Justice Murphy Joseph Corew Daniel Hitchcock  
 Samuel Osgood, Francis Burt, Walter Stebbins Josiah Hooker or the  
 heirs of John Hooker deceased - Town of Springfield Dorius Wright  
 Henry Sargeant, A. G. Tammott & wife William Pyncheon Thomas  
 Bond & Daniel Lombard - And after hearing all persons and  
 corporations that chose to be heard we assessed damages as follows (viz)  
 To Horiah Vanhorn Six Dollars to Joseph Chopin five dollars  
 to James Talcott three dollars, to Joshua Crosby Seventy five Dollars  
 to Joseph Chopin One hundred twenty five Dollars Pliny Chopin  
 Twenty five dollars to Eli Burt Twenty five Dollars Rip Burt  
 thirty four dollars Seth Stebbins Five Dollars, Justice Murphy  
 Twenty Dollars, Joseph Corew Eighty Dollars Daniel Hitchcock  
 ninety Dollars Rev. Samuel Osgood One Hundred & ten dollars  
 Francis Burt Seventy dollars. Walter Stebbins Thirty five dollar  
 Josiah Hooker one Dollar - Town of Springfield Eighty five dollars  
 Dorius Wright thirty three dollars - Henry Sargeant Seventy three  
 dollars, Abraham G. Tammott's wife Seventy five dollars Daniel  
 Lombard One Dollar William Pyncheon Fifty two Dollars Thomas  
 Bond five dollars - the Canal Company being represented  
 by George Bliss Esq. relinquished all claims for damage  
 Supposing they are allowed owners of land to them for said road  
 to remove timber and other obstructions in said road, except  
 that the house of Joshua Crosby is allowed to remain for the period  
 of ten years - said road is to be constructed in a thorough and  
 workmanlike manner - In all the low & wet ground the  
 earth is to be well thrown up & covered with suitable sufficient  
 materials to make a dry hard road - the travelled path in all  
 places (except under the bank) is to be twenty feet wide exclusive  
 of the ditches - and the bridges & sluices are to be of the same  
 width and to be of stone when they are to be covered with earth  
 the ground through Tammott & Sargeant's land to be well thrown up  
 and covered with materials from the hill and with suitable drains  
 for draining off the water - A good & substantial Bridge is to be  
 built across the brook sufficiently high to correspond with the  
 surface of the ground on each side - the low ground in J.  
 Burt's pasture to be filled in (allowing to said Burt liberty  
 to build a dry bridge if he chooses) to correspond with <sup>with</sup> the ground  
 North & South of it - care should be taken to well throw up &  
 cover the road Northward from D. Hitchcock's pasture  
 The road under the bank of the River across lands of Pliny &  
 Joseph Chopin is to be so constructed as not to admit of an  
 ascent in any part exceeding four degrees - a bridge is to be  
 built across the brook on P. Chopin's land twenty feet wide  
 in the clear and as high or nearly as high as the surface of  
 the ground on the South side - from the highest elevation  
 of the road in the side hill the road is to be graded & slope  
 gradually each way & not to be in any place less than Eighteen  
 feet wide and when completed the uphill & easterly side of said  
 road is to be more depressed than the outside and is to be well  
 defended against water from above by a ditch & sluices -



The banks on the easterly side are to be sloped down to the road at the modest angle to the horizon practicable except in cases where there are trees & shrubs to make it safer & better to let the banks remain unbroken - where wharfing on the lower side is built it is to be made of <sup>substantial</sup> materials and in a durable manner - A strong & substantial railing is to be put up on the river side of said road - The knolls in Joseph Chapin's adjoining lot to be hauled so as to fill up the intervening hollow and the low ground further Northward to be well thrown up & covered said road in all respects is to be constructed in a good & substantial and workmanlike manner to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of September 1835 - all which is submitted

William Bliss Seal }  
Jael Worcup Seal } County  
Reuben Boies Seal } Commissioners

which report being read & considered is accepted by the County Commissioners and the way therein described established as a for a public highway

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire  
Respectfully represent the Subscribers of Springfield & Ludlow in said County that a road is necessary for the public travel & accommodation of the Pet.<sup>rs</sup> from near the house of Oliver Chapin in Springfield on the North side of Chickopee River by the house of Ariel Cooley deceased and from thence in a route as near said River as may be considered practicable to intersect the road leading from Putts Bridge to Belchertown - your petitioners believe that a new road running on the North side of said River from said Chapin's dwelling house and after passing the house of said Cooley deceased running southerly of the route prayed for in the petition of Amasa Cady & others now pending before your board would afford great facilities for the public travel and in the opinion of your petitioners is absolutely necessary for the accommodation of many of the Inhabitants of the above mentioned towns - they therefore pray the Commissioners to view said proposed route and lay a County road in such manner as will best accommodate the Inhabitants of said towns living near said proposed route and the public generally -

Dec<sup>r</sup> 19 1833

Signed Otwin Fuller & others

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three and continued to the meeting of said Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April last past at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Elisha Adams in Springfield on the fifth day of June next at ten O. Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view upon the petition aforesaid and to hear all persons & corporations interested therein and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerks of Springfield & Ludlow each with an attested copy of said petition & this order thirty days at least & post up in two public places in said towns respectively an abstract containing the substance



of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to Wm. Bliss Esqr. one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

William Bliss Chairman

and the aforesaid petition was further continued from meeting to meeting of said Commissioners to this meeting - And the Sheriff pursuant to the foregoing order makes his return as follows -

"Hampden Co. May 1<sup>st</sup> 1834 By virtue of the foregoing order I have served the Town Clerks of the Towns of Springfield & Ludlow each with a true & attested copy of the foregoing petition and order of notice thereon by giving the same to them & also posted up in two public places in each of said Towns one abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days previous to said meeting -

C. Price Sheriff

and now at this meeting it is ordered that said petition be dismissed

### Licenses

Gardner Shinnball is licensed as a Taverner in the house recently built by Chester W. Chopin at Cobsville in the Town of Springfield until the first of April next to sell rum brandy & other spirituous liquors

Abraham Bradley is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Russell in said County at the house lately occupied by Thomas Bradley to sell wine, beer and other fermented liquors <sup>only</sup> until the first of April next

### Accounts

The following accounts against the County were preferred to and allowed by the County Commissioners and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury

John Ingersoll for fees de ash' bill	\$7.29
Jehiel Abbott for fees on Inquisition	10.31
Alvin Jones " " "	8.06
David Paine for surveying	6.00
G. W. Callender for Record book	4.33
R. Bliss for repairing lots for jail	3.75
Theodore Bliss for Lumber	10.75
John B. Eldridge for printing	4.50
John Curtis & Co. for sheet lead	4.46
Caleb Price for fees &c	18.53
J. M. Cooley for fees	2.17
Gideon M. Musphey for labor	41.00
Anson Parsons for services &c	21.12
Harvey Chapin for boarding Prisoners	247.60
	<hr/> 390.45

Order of Notice Whereas the road laid out on the petition of Allen Wolcott & others to Westfield & in the Towns of Westfield & West Springfield was not made & completed West Springfield nor any part thereof by said Towns nor the part of either of them within on Oct. of Allen the time and in the manner prescribed by said Commissioners laying Wolcott & others said road: And whereas the said Commissioners upon the neglect & pro neglecting & refusal of said Towns have caused the same to be completed -



It is now ordered that the expenses and charges therefor be paid out of the County Treasury (viz) the sum of Eleven Hundred & forty two dollars for that part of said road in West Springfield, and the sum of three hundred and thirty dollars for that part of said road in Westfield; and that notice be given to said Towns respectively of the order aforesaid - and to appear at the next regular term of said County Commissioners to be held at said Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of December next (unless they and each of them pay into the County Treasury before the said next regular meeting the respective proportions above specified with ten per cent per annum interest thereon from this time) to show cause why a warrant should not issue against the said delinquent Town or towns to collect the same by causing an attested copy of this order to be served by the Sheriff or his Deputy upon the Town Clerks of said Towns respectively on or before the twentieth day of October instant

Hampden ss. Oct 8th 1834 Judgment is entered up according to the reports &c and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without day

Attest John Ingersoll Clerk

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. A meeting of the County Commissioners begun and held at Springfield within for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December being the twenty third day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four and from day to day to the twenty fourth day of said month

By William Bliss Esq. Chairman  
Joel Norrop Esq. } Commissioners  
Reuben Boies Jr. Esq. }

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for the County of Road in Hampden - The Subscribers Inhabitants of the Towns of Springfield and Ludlow in said County respectfully represent that a public highway is greatly needed to commence at the Granby road near the dwellinghouse of Oliver Chopin in said Springfield & running in an easterly direction on the Northside of Chicopee River to intersect the Town Road near the former residence of Ariel Cooley deceased and from thence easterly to intersect the public highway near the house of Amasa Cady in Ludlow & from thence to intersect the Granby Road near the house of Warren Hubbard in said Ludlow - At the present time there is not a public road from near the house of Oliver Chopin to the former residence of Ariel Cooley deceased to the house of said Warren Hubbard in Ludlow a distance of nearly two miles of the town roads from said former residence of Ariel Cooley deceased. Pet of David and John Ames & others. You are hereby requested to view the route described above & lay out a new road so far as may be necessary & alter widen or straighten the old roads described above as in your judgment the public convenience



and necessity shall require Springfield Month 7<sup>th</sup> 1833

Signed D. J. Ames & others

The aforesaid petition was entered off the meeting of the County Commissioners held for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three and continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners will meet at the house of Oliver Adams in Springfield on the fourteenth day of November next at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerks of Springfield & Sudlow each with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Towns respectively an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days <sup>at least</sup> before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to William Bliss one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

William Bliss Chairman

And the aforesaid petition was continued from meeting to meeting of said Commissioners to the meeting holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four - and the Sheriff pursuant to the foregoing order made his return as follows "Hampden ss.

October 11<sup>th</sup> 1833 Pursuant to the foregoing order I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with a true & attested copy of the petition aforesaid & order of Notice thereon by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in the said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition and on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 1833 I served the Town Clerk of Sudlow with a true & attested copy of said petition and order of Notice by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition. C. Price Sheriff =

at which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows "Hampden ss.

Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 1833 On the foregoing petition the County of Commissioners for said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested therein as by the foregoing return of the Sheriff appears, and having also caused a copy of said petition with a notice of the time place & purpose of said meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Journal a newspaper printed in said County the last publication being fourteen days previous to said time of meeting met pursuant to said order of Notice and proceeded to view the route mentioned in said petition - after viewing said route showing all persons & corporations that chose to be heard the said Commissioners Report -



that in their opinion common convenience & necessity require more  
part of the route between the termini mentioned a new road should be  
laid out and in some parts the present road should be altered widened  
and straightened - which is submitted -

William Bliss }  
Joel Norrop } County  
Nathan Boies Jr } Commrs.

which report being read & considered was accepted and the way therein  
described adjudged of common convenience & necessity & ordered to be  
laid out - At which last mentioned meeting it was ordered that said  
Commissioners meet at the house of Elisha Adams in Springfield  
on the thirteenth day of November next at Nine O'Clock in the forenoon  
for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition  
and after locating to hear all persons & corporations interested upon  
the subject of damages - Also that notice be given to all persons and  
corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract  
of said petition and a notice of the time & place & purpose of said  
meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Journal as  
newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen  
days at least before the time of said meeting and it is further ordered  
that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerks  
of Springfield & Ludlow each with an attested copy of said petition  
and this order thereon thirty days at least & post up in two public  
places in said towns respectively an abstract containing the substance  
of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting  
Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to  
William Bliss one of said Commissioners at or before the time of  
said meeting.

William Bliss Chairman

and the aforesaid petition was further continued to this meeting  
and pursuant to the foregoing order the Sheriff makes his return as  
follows "Hampden ss. Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1834 By virtue of the foregoing order  
I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with a true & attested copy of  
the petition aforesaid & order of notice thereon by giving the same  
to him and also posted up in two public places in said Town an  
abstract containing the substance of said petition and on the 9<sup>th</sup>  
day of said October I served the Town Clerk of Ludlow with a true  
and attested copy of the petition aforesaid & order of notice thereon  
by leaving the same at his dwelling house and also posted up in  
two public places in said Ludlow an abstract containing the  
substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff -

And now at this term the County Commissioners  
make their report in writing as follows - "Hampden ss. Nov 13  
1834 The County Commissioners of said County having given  
notice to all interested in the foregoing petition in manner as by  
the above return of the Sheriff appears and also by causing an abstract  
containing the substance of said petition together with the foregoing  
order of notice to be published three weeks successively in the  
Hampden Journal a Newspaper printed in said County the last  
publication being at least fourteen days before the time of said meeting  
not pursuant to said order at the time & place therein mentioned and  
proceeded to lay out a highway & certain alterations of a way as follows (viz.)



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Beginning to run the southerly line of said road at a stone & stones  
 in the range of & westerly of an oak tree which stands Northerly of the  
 dwellinghouse of Warren Hubbard in Ludlow & ran from said  
 stone W.  $3^{\circ}$  S. 106 rods to links thence W.  $6^{\circ}$  S. 31 rods three links thence  
 W.  $2^{\circ}$  N. 13 rods thence W.  $11\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  N. 20 rods 8 links thence W.  $17\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  N. 26 rods  
 five links thence W.  $23^{\circ}$  N. 70 rods 16 links thence W.  $17^{\circ}$  N. 30 rods  
 twenty two links thence W.  $10^{\circ}$  N. 40 rods to black oak tree marked  
 thence W.  $10\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  N. 55 rods 8 links to stone & stones Northeasterly of  
 A. Cady's house thence W.  $15^{\circ}$  N. 44 rods 7 links to a pine saddle marked  
 near the east line of Cady's Morgan lot thence W.  $47\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  N. 11 rods 19  
 links to a pine tree marked near the foot of the hill thence W.  
 $4^{\circ}$  S. 85 rods 10 links to stone & stones nearly in a range with the east line of  
 Cady's wood land thence W.  $24^{\circ}$  S. 60 rods 12 links to stone & stones standing  
 two rods twenty two links <sup>westerly</sup> of the Southeast corner of the school  
 house thence W.  $5^{\circ}$  S. 32 rods 5 links to an oak shrub & stone thence  
 W.  $11^{\circ}$  N. 26 rods 15 links to the centre of chimney in Uriah Clough's  
 dwellinghouse thence W.  $24^{\circ}$  S. 33 rods thence W.  $31^{\circ}$  S. 13 rods thence S.  
 $46^{\circ}$  W. 21 rods 6 links thence W.  $43^{\circ}$  W. 22 rods to stone & stones standing  
 18 inches from the Northwest corner of Wid. Clough's well thence W.  
 $20\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  S. nine rods 21 links to stone & stones about 10 or half rods east of  
 Higher Brook thence W.  $2^{\circ}$  S. 13 rods thence W.  $27^{\circ}$  N. 9 rods 15 links  
 thence W.  $41^{\circ}$  N. 18 rods 15 links to a Norway pine tree marked near  
 the N. E. corner of O. Fuller's wood land thence W.  $4^{\circ}$  S. 42 rods 12 links  
 to a large pine tree marked standing on the side of the hill W.  $24^{\circ}$  S. 27  
 rods 15 links to a large pine tree marked standing about 2 rods east of  
 O. Fuller's west line thence W.  $21^{\circ}$  S. 27 rods 19 links to stone & stones  
 about  $\frac{1}{2}$  rod west of Burts Blacksmiths Shop same point 155 rods to  
 stone & stones west of the road leading from the fordway to S. Mill  
 houses Ludlow thence W.  $20\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  N. 61 rods 15 links to a large white  
 oak tree marked same point  $5\frac{1}{2}$  rods to a stone & stones on the  
 west line of Abigail S. Cooley's land thence W.  $33\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  N. 77 rods  
 nine links to stone & stones Southwesterly of Wid. Chloe Cooley's  
 dwellinghouse thence W.  $43\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  N. 11 rods 6 links to stone two feet  
 from the N. E. corner of said Wid. Cooley's barn thence W.  $34^{\circ}$  N.  
 $46\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  rods thence N.  $46^{\circ}$  W. 31 rods 21 links to a hemlock tree marked  
 standing on the side of the hill W.  $33^{\circ}$  N. 9 rods 5 links to a pine  
 marked thence N.  $30^{\circ}$  W. 14 rods to a large white oak tree marked  
 W.  $38^{\circ}$  N. 31 rods to stone & stones west side of great ravine, W.  $36\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$   
 N. 46 rods 21 links thence W.  $9\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  N.  $11\frac{1}{2}$  rods thence S.  $47\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  W. nine  
 rods 21 links to two blackoaks saddles marked S.  $31^{\circ}$  W. 8 rods 8 links  
 to a pine marked thence W.  $36\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  S. 11 rods to stone & stones one rod  
 nine links North of N. E. corner of the schoolhouse W.  $19\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  S. 23 rods  
 seven links to a pine tree marked thence W.  $14\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  S. 13 rods to an  
 oak & pine saddle marked on the east line of the road leading  
 from Chiopree Factory to Goanby - said road is said three rods wide  
 and on the Northerly side of the line runs described above the  
 travelled path exclusive of ditches to be eighteen feet wide with suitable  
 bridges and water courses of the same width over the plain lands  
 the ground for the road is to be broken 30 feet wide with a shallow  
 ditch on each side and the loam is to be hauled over into the middle of



the road at a uniform & regular curve - the hills are to be properly graded and all knolls to be reduced the road to be turnpiked throughout the bridge near the schoolhouse in district N<sup>o</sup>. is to be raised three feet higher than the present bridge & placed near the North line of the road the hills on each side to be graded to conform with the height of the bridge and to make the ascent and descent easy - the hill N.W. of Wm. Cooley's barn to be worked down & reduced to an easy ascent - the meadow lands are to be well thrown up & covered with materials from the hill - the road at the ravine Northwesterly of the hill is to be well guarded against the effects of water and railing is to be put up in all places where needed the sandy part of the road west of Higher Brook is to be covered as much as practicable with loam or gravel - in all other respects the road is to be constructed in a workmanlike manner & to be completed to the Acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of October 1835 Until the first of April next allowed to owners to remove timber from the road laid out - After hearing all persons and corporations that chose to be heard upon the subject of damages we have assented to the owners of land taken for said road as follows (viz)

To Willard Dunn three dollars Roswell Pease Eight Dollars J. D. Washburn three dollars Oren Fuller five dollars Reuben Burt Jr. one dollar Abigail L. Cooley twenty five dollars David Dinnison & wife twenty five dollars Margaret Cooley twenty dollars Widow Chloe Cooley twelve dollars Heirs of Calvin Cooley one dollar Lucius Cooley thirty dollars Heirs of Bothshave Wait five dollars - No other persons were damaged by laying out said road - all which is submitted

William Bliss & Seal  
Joel Worris & Seal } County  
Reuben Bais Jr & Seal } Commissioners

which report being read & considered is accepted and the road established as a County road & ordered to be recorded -

To the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire Road in  
at their present Session April 9<sup>th</sup> 1833. Springfield &  
The subscribers Inhabitants of said County represent that common Wilbraham  
convenience & necessity require that a public highway should be on Pet.<sup>n</sup> of  
laid out on the South side of Chicopee River extending from Benj.<sup>n</sup> Janke  
near the old Chicopee Bridge at a suitable distance from Lot 11  
Chicopee River to strike the Boston Road either in Springfield  
or Wilbraham as the public good may require - they therefore  
pray that a view may be had and common highway established  
accordingly (Signed) Benjamin Janke & others

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three  
and continued to the meeting of said County Commissioners holden  
for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three at which meeting  
it was ordered that said Commissioners will meet at the house of  
Elihu Adams in Springfield on the fourteenth day of November next



at nine O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy serve the Town Clerks of Springfield & Wilbroham each with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said towns respectively an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to William Bliss one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting -

William Bliss Chairman

and the aforesaid petition was further continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of said Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four - and pursuant to the foregoing order the Sheriff made his return as follows  
"Hampden Co. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 1833 pursuant to the foregoing order I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with a true & attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Town on an abstract containing the substance of said petition and on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 1833 I served the Town Clerk of Wilbroham with a true & attested copy of said petition and order of notice by leaving the same at his last & usual place of abode and also posted up in said Wilbroham at two public places an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

at which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows "Hampden Co. Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 1833 The County Commissioners for said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition according to the foregoing order of notice and also by causing a copy of said petition with a notice of the place time & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Journal a News paper printed in said County the last publication being fourteen days at least before the time of meeting - met at the time & place in said order of notice mentioned and proceeded to view the route mentioned in said petition - And the petitioners <sup>together</sup> with sundry owners of land and the Selectmen of the Town of Springfield appeared and were heard upon the subject matter of said petition - And now upon due consideration the said Commissioners report that in their opinion common convenience and necessity require that a road as in said petition mentioned should be laid out and established as for a Common highway all which is submitted

William Bliss

Joel Norwep County

Reuben Boies Jr. Commissioners

which report being read and considered was accepted & the way



adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity and this petition  
was further continued to the meeting of said Commissioners held on for said  
County on the second Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord One thousand  
eight hundred & thirty four at which meeting it was ordered that said  
Commissioners meet at the house of Elihu Adams in Springfield  
on the eleventh day of November next at nine O'Clock in the forenoon  
for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition  
and after locating & hear all persons & corporations interested upon  
the subject of damages - Also that notice be given to all persons and  
corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract  
of said petition and a notice of the time & place & purpose of said  
meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Journal  
a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be  
fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - and it is  
further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve  
the Town Clerks of Springfield & Wilbraham each with an attested  
copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and  
post up in two public places in said Towns respectively an abstract  
containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before  
the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make  
return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners  
at or before the time of said meeting - William Bliss Chairman  
and the foresaid petition was further continued from meeting to meeting  
to this meeting of said Commissioners and the Sheriff pursuant to  
the foregoing order makes his return as follows - "Hampden Co. Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> 1834  
By virtue of the foregoing order I have served the Town Clerks of Springfield  
with a true and attested copy of the petition of foresaid and order of  
notice thereon by giving the same to him and also posted up in  
two public places in said Town an abstract containing the  
substance of said petition and on the Ninth day of said October I  
served the Town Clerks of Wilbraham with a true & attested copy of  
the petition of foresaid & order of notice thereon by leaving the same  
at his dwelling house and also posted up in two public places in  
said Wilbraham an abstract containing the substance of said petition  
C. Price Sheriff

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make  
their Report in writing as follows "Hampden Co. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 1834  
The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to  
all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition in  
manner as by the foregoing Return of the Sheriff appears and also by  
causing an abstract containing the substance of said petition together  
with a notice of the time place & purpose of the meeting in con-  
-formity with the foregoing order to be published three weeks suc-  
-cessively in the Hampden Journal a Newspaper printed in said  
County the last publication being fourteen days before the time  
of meeting - met at the time & place in said order mentioned &  
proceeded to lay out & establish a highway upon said petition as  
follows (viz) Beginning at a stone & stones on the Easterly side of the  
road leading Northwesterly across Chicopee <sup>river</sup> Bridge and standing nearly  
opposite the house occupied by Col. David M. Bryant in Springfield



and run thence S. 85° E. 38 1/2 rods to a stone & stones - thence S. 80° 45' E. 10 rods to a stone & stones thence S. 75° E. 6 rods ten links thence S. 70° 15' E. 21 rods 7 links thence S. 73° 45' E. 94 rods ten links to John W. Balch's land thence S. 70° 30' E. 65 rods thence S. 75° 20' E. 121 rods 8 links to a stone in Chester Coolidge's door yard fence thence S. 77° E. 39 rods 15 links to a stone & stones on the west side of the present highway thence S. 89° E. 104 rods nine links to a birch tree marked thence N. 73° E. 30 rods 18 links thence N. 73° 30' E. 12 rods 20 links thence N. 86° 45' E. 14 rods 7 links thence East 23 1/2 rods to a crooked apple <sup>tree</sup> marked thence N. 82° E. 23 rods 20 links thence N. 84° E. 22 rods five links to a stone & stones on the E. line of Chester Coolidge's land, thence S. 83° E. 15 rods S. 58° E. 12 rods 10 links thence S. 52° E. 5 1/2 rods the road thus far to be three rods wide thence S. 30° E. 4 rods ten links to a hemlock marked - on this last course the road is to gradually widen out from three rods to be six rods wide at said Hemlock (vir) four rods on the South <sup>westerly</sup> side of the line run and two rods on the river side thence S. 11° E. 6 1/2 rods to a stone & stones by the river and under the bank thence S. 2° 30' E. 4 1/4 rods thence S. 2° W. 12 rods thence S. 1° 45' E. ten rods thence S. 14 1/2° E. 16 rods 20 links - S. 40 1/2° E. 12 1/2 rods - thence S. 61° E. 11 rods nine links thence S. 80° E. 13 rods 5 links thence N. 80° E. 19 rods 7 links thence N. 71° 30' E. 14 rods to a chestnut oak marked from the said Hemlock to the said chestnut oak the road is laid six rods wide two rods on left & four rods on right of line run thence N. 74° 30' E. ten rods to a stone and stones from said oak to said stone the road is to be gradually diminished in width to be three rods wide at said stone - thence N. 76° E. 182 rods 22 links thence N. 71° E. 29 rods thence N. 81° 30' E. 122 1/2 rods thence N. 86° E. 13 rods 0 links to an oak tree marked thence S. 77° E. 6 rods 20 links to an oak <sup>tree</sup> marked, thence S. 85° E. 3 rods ten links to a chestnut tree marked thence S. 86° E. ten rods ten links thence N. 88° 30' E. 4 1/2 rods thence S. 84 1/2° E. 24 rods to two oaks marked thence S. 69° E. 6 rods 15 links to a butternut tree marked thence S. 75° E. 8 rods 15 links to a hemlock marked thence S. 68° E. 4 rods 20 links - thence S. 73° 30' E. five rods five links to a hemlock marked thence S. 77 1/2° E. 7 rods 20 links to a hemlock marked thence S. 86° E. 7 rods to a hemlock marked thence N. 87° E. 12 rods ten links thence S. 86° 30' E. 22 rods 20 links to a chestnut tree marked thence S. 77° E. 196 rods 20 links to a pine marked thence S. 65° E. 75 rods to a black oak marked thence S. 58° E. 11 1/2 rods thence S. 50 1/2° E. 8 rods nine links to an oak tree marked thence S. 38° E. 4 rods 20 links to a white pine tree marked thence S. 20° E. 7 rods 15 links thence S. 41° E. 6 rods 12 links thence S. 66° E. 6 rods 22 links thence S. 84° 30' E. 6 rods 17 links thence S. 70° E. 6 rods three links thence S. 58° E. 3 rods 4 links thence S. 42° E. 9 rods 16 links thence S. 26° E. 11 1/2 rods to a chestnut marked thence S. 55° E. 8 rods ten links to a birch marked thence S. 77° 30' E. 12 rods to a large pine marked thence S. 81° E. 25 rods thence S. 61° 30' E. ten rods ten links thence S. 51° E. 36 rods thence S. 57° E. 34 rods thence S. 55° 30' E. 20 rods thence S. 74° E. 25 rods thence S. 73° E. 48 rods to a large poplar tree marked standing on the northerly side of the



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Boston road in Wilbraham - from the stone above mentioned where the road  
is diminished to three rods the road is to be continued to said Boston  
Road three rods wide - the line above described as run is the Northerly  
or left hand limits & boundary of the road laid except where the road  
is laid six rods wide by the river - said road is laid over & upon lands  
of John W. Belcher, Titus Cooley heirs Robert R. Flowers heirs, Chester  
Cooley Sumner Cooley, Chicopee Manufacturing Company, Brock  
Chapin & wife, heirs of Ariel Cooley the Widow of Ariel Cooley Jr.  
second - Springfield Manufacturing Company Anthony Slaughter  
Charles Stearns Goff - And after hearing all persons and  
Expositions who chose to be heard upon the subject of damages we  
assessed & allowed damages as follows (viz) To John W. Belcher one  
dollar heirs of Titus Cooley fifty dollars, Robert R. Flowers ten  
dollars Chester Cooley thirty dollars Sumner Cooley twenty five dollars  
Heirs of Ariel Cooley one dollar Brock Chapin & wife one dollar  
Widow & Heirs of Ariel Cooley Jr. one dollar The Springfield Man-  
ufacturing Company by B. Jenks their Agent Charles Stearns &  
Anthony Slaughter relinquished all claim & damage - and we  
estimate the expense of making said road as herein after set forth  
as two thousand dollars for that portion the Town of Springfield and  
order that the sum of one thousand dollars be allowed said town  
therefor - the travelled path of said road is to be twenty feet wide  
exclusive of the ditches - Stumps & stones to be removed before working  
the road - all bridges & skices to be twenty feet wide & of stone and well  
covered with earth except when necessary to be more than three  
feet wide then to have stone walls or abutments with strong and  
substantial sleepers & planks not less than 3 inches thick  
and twenty feet long - in low & wet places the road is to be well  
thrown up and all moist, springy or sandy places to be covered  
with suitable materials to make a hard & permanent road - in  
all places where the road is laid upon a side hill the travelled  
path is to be worked nearest the lowest side of the road and the  
bank on the upper side is to slope to the road at an angle to the  
horizon not greater than forty five degrees except in cases where  
on account of the abruptness & height of the bank it will be  
impracticable and when completed the level of the uphill  
side of the road is to be lower than the down hill side (where  
earth is taken from the uphill side to fill up the lower side)  
with suitable ditches & skices for conducting off the water -  
all hills are to be hauled down & properly graded and in no place to  
exceed four degrees in ascent - under the bank by the river where  
the road is laid five rods wide a strong substantial permanent  
stone wall is to be built upon or near the line as run raised above  
high water mark and crowned by a heavy stem of timber of sufficient  
strength to resist the action of the water ice & floodwood of the river  
and the road is to be guarded by a suitable railing and the space  
between the wall and bank to be filled in for the road - in all  
places where wharfing is required it is to be strongly & permanently  
built and well defended against the action of the water and to  
have a suitable railing a strong railing is also to be placed in



all places where the traveller may be exposed to harm in these and all other respects said road is to be constructed in a workmanlike and substantial manner and to be completed to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of November 1835 - Until the first day of April next is allowed for removing timber & stones - In running the line above described stones and stones are placed as bounds where no other bounds or monuments are named - all which is submitted

William Bliss & Seal }  
 Joel Norwicks & Seal } County  
 Reuben Boies Jr. & Seal } Comrs.

which report being read & considered is accepted and the road established as a County road & ordered to be recorded

Attention of a  
 Road in  
 Westfield &  
 Southwick  
 on Pet. of  
 William Osborne  
 & others

To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at their next term holden at Springfield - We the undersigned Inhabitants of the Towns of Westfield and Southwick in said County of Hampden respectfully represent that a part of the road <sup>leading</sup> from Westfield through Southwick to Suffield is very bad and that on attention might be made which would not increase the distance and over good ground for a road to commence near Peas' Mills in Westfield and running in the most suitable direction to intersect the road near Ashbel Eastons in Southwick we therefore humbly request that your Honors view and make the attention as soon as may be August 26<sup>th</sup> 1833 Signed William Osborne & others

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three and continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting held for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Ashbel Easton in Southwick on the tenth day of June next at 11 O'Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerks of Westfield & Southwick each with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least - and post up in two public places in said Towns respectively and abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the subscribers one of said Commissioners at or before the time



of said meeting - <sup>William Bliss Chairman</sup>  
and this of said petition was further continued to the meeting of said  
Commissioners held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four  
and pursuant to the foregoing order the Sheriff made his return as  
follows "Hampden ss. May 9<sup>th</sup> 1834 by virtue of the foregoing  
order I served the Town Clerks of Westfield & Southwich each  
with a true and attested copy of the petition of said and order  
of notice thereon by leaving the same at the last <sup>place of</sup> usual abode of said  
Clerks and also posted up an abstract containing the substance  
of said petition in two public places in each of said Towns more  
than fourteen days before the time of said meeting

E. Rice Sheriff

at which last mentioned meeting the said County Commissioners  
made their report in writing as follows "Hampden ss. June 10<sup>th</sup> 1834  
The County Commissioners of said County of Hampden having  
given notice to all persons & corporations interested as by the foregoing  
return of the Sheriff appears and having also caused a copy of said  
petition with the order of notice thereon to be published in the  
Springfield Gazette a newspaper printed in said County three  
weeks successively the last publication being fourteen days  
before the time of meeting not pursuant to said order and  
proceeded the route prayed for to be established as a highway by  
said petition - After viewing said route and hearing all  
interested who wished to be heard the said Commissioners report  
that in their opinion common convenience & necessity  
require that a road should be laid out & established as a high  
way as prayed for in said petition - all which is submitted

William Bliss  
Joel Norriss } County  
Reuben Bais Jr. } Commissioners

which report being read and considered is accepted and the  
way adjudged of common convenience & necessity & ordered  
to be laid out - And the of said petition was further continued  
to the meeting of said Commissioners held for said County on the  
first Tuesday of October last past at which meeting it was ordered  
that said Commissioners meet at the house of Abel Easton in Southwich  
on the nineteenth day of November next at nine o'clock in the  
forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of  
said petition and after locating to hear all persons & corporations interested  
upon the subject of damages - Also that notice be given to all persons &  
corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of  
said petition & a notice of the time & place & purpose of said meeting  
three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper  
printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least  
before the time of said meeting - and it is further ordered that the  
Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerks of Southwich  
and Westfield each with an attested copy of said petition & this order  
thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said  
Towns respectively an abstract containing the substance of said petition



fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the chairman of said Commissioners do or before the time of said meeting

William Bliff Chairman

and the aforesaid petition was further continued to this meeting and pursuant to the foregoing order the Sheriff makes his return as follows "Hampden Co. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 1834 In obedience to the foregoing order I served the Towns of Southwich & Westfield each with a true & attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon by leaving the same at their last place of usual abode and also posted up in two public places in each of said Towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition

E. Rice Sheriff

and now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows "Hampden Co. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1834 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons & corporations by causing an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof together with a notice of the time place & purpose of meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper printed in said County the last publication being at least fourteen days before the time of meeting and also caused further notice to be given as by the foregoing return of the Sheriff appears met at the time and place in said notice mentioned and proceeded to locate and establish a highway and alterations of the highway as prayed for in said petition as follows (viz) Beginning at a maple tree marked & standing on the easterly side of the present road on land of Joseph M. Forwood & near the house of Abner Easton in Southwich and ran for the easterly line of the road thence N. 19° E. 26 rods to a stake in the fence between said Easton and Forwood thence N. 30° E. 15 rods to a small pine marked thence N. 35° E. 50 rods to a chestnut marked thence N. 40° E. 43 rods to an Apple tree marked thence N. 42° E. 62 rods to a chestnut marked west of J. Posters thence N. 37 3/4° E. 80 rods to white oak marked near Cedar Mill thence N. 20° E. 21 rods to stake by a fence thence N. 30 1/2° E. 41 rods to a pine marked in edge of woods thence N. 23 3/4° E. 41 rods to a stake & stones on sandy knoll thence N. 31° E. ten rods to a cluster of Apple trees marked thence N. 11 1/2° E. 12 rods to an apple tree marked thence N. 3 1/2° E. 8 rods to an apple tree marked thence N. S 78° W. 15 rods to a stake & stones thence N. 63 1/4° W. 11 rods to a white Birch Stake marked thence N. 14 1/4° E. 12 rods to a pine Stake marked thence N. 13° E. ten rods to a stake near the brook thence N. 17 1/2° W. 7 rods to a white Birch marked thence 20 3/4° W. 15 rods to a stake & stones thence N 17° W. 20 rods to a stake & st. at S. side of old road thence N. 50 1/4° W. 8 rods to the S. W. corner of a Grist Mill called Peers Mill said road three rods wide and on the westerly side of the above described line - the road to be so worked as to make the path for travel 10 feet wide the bridge to be constructed near the schoolhouse in Southwich is to be so raised as carry the surface of the road six feet higher than the brook and the banks on each side are



to be washed down so as to conform to the bridge & to be regularly graded  
low moist places to be well thrown up the points of the hills & the  
fence by Will. Fowlers pasture to be hauled down to make the ascent  
of the road gradually easy - care should be taken to equalize as  
much as is practicable the various degrees of ascent from Pease  
mills to the summit of the hill - Bridges shivers and mounds  
are to be made in a proper & substantial manner in all places  
where they may be required - and in all respects the road is  
to be made in a workmanlike manner and to the acceptance  
of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of October  
1835 - Four months are allowed for removal of timber -  
after hearing all persons & corporations who chose to be heard  
upon the subject of damages we awarded as follows - to Abner  
Boston fifteen dollars Linnuel Boston thirty five dollars, Theodore  
Shepard Twenty Dollars Allen Hubbard Six dollars Horace  
Emerson Eighteen Dollars, Widow Lydia Fowler fifty dollars  
all other persons whose lands were taken (viz) Joseph M. Torwood  
Isaac Porter Ezekiel Porter & William Osborne relinquish all  
claims for damages - all which is submitted

William Bliss }  
Jasl Norrups } County  
Reuben Boies } Commissioners

which Report being read & considered is accepted and the way  
therein described as laid out is established as for a public highway  
& ordered to be recorded

To the Hon. County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Road in  
at their next term holden at Springfield Monson &  
We the undersigned Inhabitants of the Towns of Monson and Brimfield  
Brimfield in said County of Hampden respectfully represent on Pet. of  
that the road leading from Monson to Brimfield is very bad by reason of the hills,  
crooks & narrowness of the road and that an improvement might be made on said road or a route designated  
that will not increase the distance but avoid in part the hills and  
over good ground for a road to commence at the County road  
near the dwelling house of Jacob Thompson Esq. in <sup>said</sup> Monson  
and terminate near the dwelling house of Prayal Wales Esq. in  
said Brimfield and running in the most suitable direction  
between these two points designated that will best serve the  
public - the undersigned would further represent that this is  
a part of the road leading from Providence to Albany and  
probably the most direct route than can be located - and this  
distance on said route which your petitioners ask to have  
improved is the most dangerous & unpleasant part of the road  
from Providence to Springfield - We therefore request your  
Honors to attend to viewing & locating said road as soon as in  
your opinion it may be expedient consistently with your own  
convenience - and as in duty bound we will ever pray  
4<sup>th</sup> June 1834 Signed Amos Norrups & others  
The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County



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Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four at which meeting it was order that said Commissioners meet at the house of Amos Norrups in Monson on the fourteenth day of August next at Nine O'Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein - also that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerks of Monson and Brimfield each with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Towns respectively an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the subscriber one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

William Bliss Chairman

and this petition was continued to the meeting of said County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October last past - and the Sheriff pursuant to the foregoing order made his return as follows. "Hampden July 1<sup>st</sup> 1834 In obedience to the foregoing order I served the Town Clerks of Monson & Brimfield each with a true & attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of Notice thereon by giving the same to them respectively and also posted up in two public places in each of said Towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

at which said last mentioned meeting The County Commissioners made their report in writing as follows "Hampden August 14<sup>th</sup> 1834 The County Commissioners having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by causing a copy thereof together with the foregoing order thereon to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette a newspaper printed in said County the last publication being at least fourteen days previous to the time of meeting and also gave further notice according to law as by the foregoing return of the Sheriff appears met at the time & place in said order mentioned - Joel Norrups Esqr. one of the Standing Commissioners being absent and unable to act on said petition Robert Emory Esqr. Special Commissioner for said County having been summoned by the Chairman of the Board and Member Boies of Standing Commissioners present - appeared to act in the room of said Norrups - The Board thus organized proceeded to view the route proposed in said petition for a highway as well as the several proposed alterations of the present



road - After viewing of aforesaid & hearing all persons & corporations that  
chose to be heard they now report that in their opinion common con-  
venience & necessity require that a road should be laid out northwesterly  
of the present travelled road or that certain alterations should be made  
in the present road as it shall appear practicable upon the location  
all which is submitted

William Bliss 2 County

Frederic Boies Jr. 3 Com<sup>rs</sup>

Robert Emory Special Com<sup>r</sup>

which report being read & considered is accepted and the way therein  
mentioned adjudged of Common Convenience & necessity -  
and at which last mentioned meeting it was ordered that said  
Commissioners meet at the house of Amos Norrop in Monson on the  
twenty fourth day of November next at ten O'Clock in the forenoon  
for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said  
petition and after locating hear all persons & corporations interested  
upon the subject of damages - Also that notice be given to all persons  
& corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract  
of said petition and a notice of the time & place & purpose of said  
meeting three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette &  
Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be  
fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - And it  
is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy  
serve the Town Clerks of Monson & Brimfield each with an attested  
copy of said petition & this order thereon thirty days at least and  
post up in two public places in said towns respectively an abstract  
containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before  
the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make  
return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners  
as or before the time of said meeting - William Bliss Chairman  
and the aforesaid petition was further continued to this meeting  
and pursuant to the foregoing order the Sheriff makes his return  
as follows. "Hampden Co. Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 1834 In obedience to the foregoing  
order of notice I served the Town Clerks of Brimfield with a true and  
attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon by  
giving the same to him and also caused to be posted up in two  
public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of  
said petition more than fourteen days before the time of the meeting  
aforesaid and on the eighteenth day of said October I served the  
Town Clerk of Monson with a true & attested copy of the petition  
aforesaid and order of notice thereon by leaving the same at his  
dwelling house and also posted up in two public places in said  
Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

E. Rice Sheriff

and now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their  
Report in writing as follows - "Hampden Co. November 24<sup>th</sup> 1834  
The County Commissioners for said County having given notice  
to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition  
in manner as set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff and  
also by causing an abstract of said petition containing the substance  
thereof together with a notice of the time place & purpose of this meeting



in conformity with the foregoing order to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication being fourteen days before the time of meeting two of said Commissioners (viz) the Chairman and Eben Baies Jr. Esq. met at the time & place mentioned in said order but Joel Norcross Esq. the other standing Commissioner was absent and unable to act by reason of interest - thereupon the <sup>said</sup> Commissioners present summoned Robert Emery Esq. the special County Commissioner in writing to appear and act upon said petition in the room of said Norcross - And the said Robert Emery appearing upon the summons, with the standing Commissioners present as aforesaid constituting a board proceeded to lay out a new, and establish certain alterations in the present travelled road upon said petition as follows - Beginning at a stone on the Easterly line of the County road nearly opposite the house of Jacob Thompson then running on the Easterly & Southerly line of the road laid, running N. 37° 45' E. nine rods 19 links - thence N. 47° 45' E. two rods 19 links thence N. 55° 15' E. two rods ten links thence N. 69° 45' E. four rods thence S. 20° E. 25 rods 12 links thence S. 82° 15' E. 19 rods to a small elm marked thence S. 89° E. 16 rods thence S. 88° 45' E. six rods thence N. 68° E. 4 rods thence N. 45° E. 3 rods thence N. 35° E. 37 rods 8 links thence N. 45° E. two rods thence N. 59° 30' E. one rod ten links crossing Stephen Tobey's dooryard - thence N. 66° 45' E. five rods nine links thence N. 79° 20' E. 14 rods thence N. 87° 15' E. six rods 8 links thence S. 84° 20' E. seventy five rods top of the hill N. of small pines thence S. about 81° E. 44 rods 19 links to a stone four feet Northwily of a white oak - thence N. 81° 30' E. 25 rods 19 links thence N. 68° E. 14 rods 17 links thence N. 57° E. 25 rods thence N. 77° E. 15 rods 12 1/2 links to an elm marked N. 86° E. 12 rods 12 1/2 links thence S. 85° 30' E. 31 rods four links to the corner of a wall on Capt. Tuckers land thence S. 85° E. 14 rods to a stone about four feet from the N. E. corner of Capt. Tuckers barn - thence N. 84° E. 30 rods 12 1/2 links thence S. 87° E. 4 rods 15 links to the N. E. corner of William Puffers barnyard - thence S. 74° E. 51 rods 6 links thence S. 78° 30' E. 40 rods 12 1/2 links - thence S. 84° E. 23 rods 12 1/2 links - thence S. 82° 45' E. 22 rods thence S. 80° E. 15 rods 19 links thence S. 83° 20' E. 22 rods to the N. E. corner of the Grant Schoolhouse District No. 4. thence S. 81° 30' E. 18 rods to the N. E. corner of Benjamin Grants garden thence N. 87° 15' E. 7 rods - thence N. 75° 30' E. thirteen rods eight links to the corner of the wall about 2 1/2 rods N. E. of the N. E. corner of Jos. Grants house thence N. 80° E. 37 rods - thence same course 43 rods to a white oak tree thence N. 82° 50' E. 35 rods to the Town line of Monson and Brimfield it being a pile of stones on a large rock nearly opposite the monument of said dividing line - thence N. 71° 30' E. 27 rods to a stone standing on the inside of the wall (viz) Southerly side - thence N. 77° 20' E. 10 rods - thence N. 82° 45' E. nine rods ten links to a small maple on Capt. Nichols land thence S. 87° 15' E. 7 rods 18 links to a plum tree nearly opposite Capt Nichols on his land thence S. 77° 15' E. 19 rods 23 links thence S. 89° 45' E.



two rods nine links - thence N.  $73^{\circ}30'E$ . 3 rods 12 1/2 links thence N.  $68^{\circ}$   
E. 16 rods nine links thence N.  $76^{\circ}20'E$ . 23 rods - thence S.  $88^{\circ}E$ . 40 rods  
thence East five rods 12 1/2 links - thence N.  $85^{\circ}20'E$ . 12 rods 8 links to a  
small black oak on the westerly side of a large rock, thence N.  $87^{\circ}20'E$ .  
36 rods 20 links to a pine marked thence N.  $83^{\circ}15'E$ . Nine rods 12 links  
to a small pine marked to or 8 rods westerly of Baron Brooks near  
Nichols Hill - thence S.  $88^{\circ}30'E$ . 31 rods 15 links thence N.  $88^{\circ}30'E$ .  
27 rods 12 links thence N.  $73^{\circ}30'E$ . 11 rods - thence N.  $65^{\circ}E$ . 48 rods 20  
links thence N.  $72^{\circ}15'E$ . 14 rods six links thence N.  $88^{\circ}30'E$ . 11 rods  
nine links thence S.  $70^{\circ}E$ . 14 rods 20 links thence S.  $79^{\circ}45'E$ . 8 rods  
six links, thence S.  $53^{\circ}45'E$ . 7 rods to the causeway over a brook  
being stoned up 10 or 12 feet over said brook - thence S.  $59^{\circ}10'E$ . 16  
rods 12 links to a stake nearly on the line of David Parkers land  
thence S.  $73^{\circ}40'E$ . 53 rods 17 links to a stake nearly opposite David  
Parkers - thence S.  $71^{\circ}30'E$ . 54 rods - thence S.  $60^{\circ}30'E$ . 19 rods 15 links  
nearly opposite to Archippus Nelson's house thence S.  $50^{\circ}20'E$ . Nine  
rods 5 links - thence S.  $48^{\circ}30'E$ . 37 rods 13 links thence S.  $57^{\circ}30'E$ .  
37 rods 12 links thence S.  $76^{\circ}30'E$ . 24 rods 23 links thence N.  $88^{\circ}30'$   
E. 5 rods 23 links opposite Levi Charles house thence N.  $67^{\circ}40'E$ .  
five rods 21 links being six links North of an apple tree marked  
standing in the corner of said Charles lot - thence N.  $63^{\circ}E$ . six rods  
ten links over meadow land of the wife of Levi Charles thence N.  $53^{\circ}45'$   
E. 4 rods thence N.  $80^{\circ}E$ . 3 rods ten links thence S.  $79^{\circ}E$ . four rods thence  
S.  $60^{\circ}15'E$ . ten rods 10 links to a maple marked standing N. of the line to  
line of the present old road - thence S.  $42^{\circ}30'E$ . 15 rods to an old stump  
marked thence S.  $59^{\circ}E$ . 8 rods 17 links thence S.  $70^{\circ}50'E$ . 25 rods thence S.  $77^{\circ}15'$   
E. six rods 5 links thence S.  $82^{\circ}20'E$ . 5 rods thence N.  $84^{\circ}45'E$ . 5 rods 22 links  
thence N.  $70^{\circ}E$ . 18 rods 18 links thence N.  $77^{\circ}20'E$ . 24 rods - the termination  
of this line being 11 links N. of the Guide post & about 40 rods S. W.  
of the house of Mayol Wales in Brimfield - Said road is laid on  
the left hand or Northerly side of the line run and is to be three  
rods wide throughout except at Nichols hill where it is to be four  
rods wide as follows beginning four rods westerly of the bound on  
the rock near the Town line and gradually widening so as to be four  
rods wide at said bound and continued the same width easterly  
on the course of the road to a point five rods westerly of the S. W.  
corner of an old house now occupied for a barn by Jacob Nichols  
and from that point to be gradually narrowed so as to be three rods  
wide against said corner - The travelled path of said road is to  
be 20 feet wide exclusive of ditches, and all bridges, sluices &  
watercourses to be of the same width - and particularly the bridges  
easterly of J. Thompsons are to measure 20 feet in the clear and  
their location is to be such as to make them correspond with the  
direction & lines of the road and with each other and the wharfing  
at the causeway to be sufficient to resist the action of the stream  
and in other respects substantial - the causeway to be thoroughly  
washed, and the sandy places to be covered with suitable materials  
to make a hard & durable road - The hill from Tobys house  
easterly to where the present road tends southerly of the line run  
is to be better graded & the hill next east where now partly washed is



to be reduced so as not to exceed six degrees ascent by lowering at the top and filling in at the bottom - and at no hill upon the route is the path for travel to exceed six degrees ascent - The hill east of Puffers is to be more ~~evenly~~ graded & so of all the hills & uneven places - Innoles are to be well hauled down - wet places to be well thrown up and covered with good materials - The ridge at summit of Grants hill is to be lowered six feet - the bridge near Nichols Mills is to be raised four feet and to be 20 feet wide in the clear - the causeway there is to be widened so to conform with the required width for travel and raised to make the descent from the hill east gradual to the bridge - said hill next east to be hauled down & lowered at least six feet from surface of present travelled path - the road west of the walled causeway at the gulf is to be worked near the northerly line of the road laid - the travelled causeway at the gulf is to be raised four feet higher than it now is - with railing of suitable timber on stones at least two feet higher than the top of the wall or road & bolted to the block of stone by  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch iron bolts - suitable railing is to be put up in all other places where needed - The sand hill east of the walled causeway is to be hauled into the hollow east and the sandy parts of the travelled path are to be covered with materials to make a hard & durable road - The low places near Levi Charles house to be so raised as to make a dry & permanent road - the elevation to be at least one foot higher than the present path well covered with proper materials - the turn in the road by said Charles house is to be on an easy curve - ditches & levees water courses and mounds are to be placed with care & properly constructed in all places where the security of the road or ease in travelling require them - In all respects said road is to be constructed in a workmanlike & substantial manner and completed to the acceptance of the County Commissioners before the first day of October 1835 - Until the first of April next allowed for removing timber & stones - After hearing all who chose to be heard upon the subject <sup>of said road</sup> ~~of said road~~ <sup>as follows</sup> (viz)

To Jacob Thompson ten dollars      Newcomb two dollars  
 Stephen Tobey five dollars      William Duffer twenty five dollars  
 Jacob Nichols twenty dollars      David Parker ten dollars      Levi Charles & wife eight dollars - no other owners of land were damaged & no damages were allowed to any other than as above all which is submitted

William Bliss & Seal } County  
 Newben Boies Jr & Seal } Com.  
 Robert Emery & Seal } Special Com.

which report being read & considered is accepted and the way therein described is established as for a County road and public highway & ordered to be recorded

Road in Westfield To the Honorable Commissioners of the County of Hampshire  
 & North Springfield We the undersigned respectfully ask leave to represent that the  
 upon Petition of location of a <sup>new</sup> road commencing at the house of Hannah Morley  
 Roland Bestbrook of West Springfield thence to intersect the Westfield road at some  
 & others



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point North of Pliny Loomis' house thence to the toll bridge across the  
River and from the said bridge to Henry Aldermans house in Westfield  
would shorten the distance and lessen the tolls and your petitioners  
further represent that the road from the Westspringfield line to the County  
bridge is in some places too narrow and that that part called the frog hole  
is very often impassable on the account of floods putting the traveller to  
the inconvenience of travelling three miles over a road that is hilly  
to get one mile on his journey - we therefore request that the Hon.  
Commissioners would view the said routes, lay out & establish such  
new roads and make such alterations in the old ones as in their  
opinion the public convenience requires, and discontinue all old  
roads rendered unnecessary by new locations - as in duty bound shall  
ever pray - April 3. 1834 - (Signed) Roland Burbanck & others  
The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County Com-  
missioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four  
at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners will meet  
at the house of James Baggs in Westspringfield on the Eleventh day of  
June next at ten O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding  
to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear  
all persons and corporations interested therein - Also that notice be given  
to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing  
a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively  
in the Hampden Journal a Newspaper printed in said County the  
last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said  
meeting - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County  
or his Deputy serve the Town Clerks of Westfield & Westspringfield each  
with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty  
days at least - and post up in two public places in said towns respectively  
an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at  
least before the time of said meeting - the Sheriff or his Deputy will  
make return hereof with his doings to William Bliss one of said  
Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting -  
William Bliss Chairman

and the aforesaid petition was continued to the meeting of said  
Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of  
June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
thirty four - and pursuant to the aforesaid order the Sheriff made  
his return as follows "Hampden ss. May 9<sup>th</sup> 1834 By virtue of the  
foregoing order I served the Town Clerks of Westfield & Westspringfield  
each with a true & attested copy of the foregoing petition & order thereon  
by giving the same to said Clerks and also posted up an abstract  
containing the substance of said petition in two public places in  
each of said towns more than fourteen days before the time of said  
meeting - <sup>E. Rice Sheriff</sup> at which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners  
made their report in writing as follows - "Hampden ss. June 11<sup>th</sup> 1834  
Upon the foregoing petition the County Commissioners for said County  
having given notice to all persons & corporations interested as by the  
foregoing return of the Sheriff appears and having also caused a copy  
of said petition with the foregoing order of notice thereon to be published  
in said towns respectively



three weeks successively in the Hampden Journal a newspaper printed in said County the last publication being fourteen days before the said time of meeting met pursuant to said order & proceeded to view the routes designated in said petition - And now after viewing said routes and hearing all who wished to be heard the said Commissioners report that in their opinion Common Convenience and necessity require that alterations in some particulars should be made as prayed for and a new road in part be laid out and established - All which is submitted

William Bliss }  
 Joel Norriss } County  
 Reuben Boies Jr } Commissioners

which Report being read & considered is accepted and the way adjudged of Common convenience & necessity - And the aforesaid petition was further continued to the meeting of said County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October last past at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at Morley's Bridge in West Springfield on the eighteenth day of November next at Nine O'Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and after locating to hear all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time & place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerks of West Springfield & Westfield each with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said towns respectively an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

William Bliss Chairman -

And the aforesaid petition was further continued to this meeting and pursuant to the aforesaid order the Sheriff makes his return as follows - "Hampden Co. Oct. 1834 By virtue of the foregoing order I have served the Town Clerks of W. Springfield & Westfield each with a true & attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon by leaving the same at their place of last usual abode and also more than fourteen days before the time for the meeting above mentioned I posted up in two public places in each of said Towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition

E Rice Sheriff

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their report in writing as follows - "Hampden Co. Nov. 1834 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the



The said report being read & considered it was  
preparing return of the Sheriff and also by causing our district containing  
the substance of said petition together with the foregoing order of notice  
to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican  
a newspaper printed in said County the last publication being pastern  
days previous to the time of meeting met pursuant to said order and  
proceeded to lay out a new and establish certain alterations of  
roads upon said petition as follows - Beginning at a small Elm  
marked standing about 2 rods west of the N. W. corner of the County Bridge  
(so called) in Westfield and from thence ran for the Northerly line of the established  
road N. 60° E. 4 rods 13 links to a stone & stones thence N. 33 1/2° E. 4 rods 9 links  
to a marked apple tree thence S. 85 1/4° E. 44 rods 23 links to a stone & stones  
across the brook at the frog hole - thence S. 66 1/2° E. 2 rods thence S. 46 1/4° E. 3 rods  
12 links to a marked apple tree thence S. 42 1/4° E. 11 rods to a staked stones on  
the North side of the old road thence S. 44 1/4° E. 41 rods to a staked stones thence S.  
49° E. 38 rods to a stone & stones near Daniel Starkings house - thence commen-  
-ing again at a marked apple <sup>tree</sup> on the brow of the hill in Ambrose Days  
land standing about 123 rods easterly of said last named staked stones  
and ran from said tree S. 70° E. 50 rods 12 links to a maple tree marked  
thence S. 65 1/2° E. 39 rods 15 links to a stone near Dr. Kings tavern house  
thence S. 76° E. 21 rods to a stone & stones on the line of the towns of Westfield  
and West Springfield - the road is laid four rods wide and southerly of  
the line run and passes partly upon & over lands of George & Edmund  
Noble, Lucius Thayer, Stephen Harrison Daniel Starking, Ambrose  
Day Sylvanus G. Morley & Roswell King - Then for new laying  
the road towards Hannah Morley we commenced at the S. W. corner  
of the toll house at Morleys Bridge and ran thence S. 57° E. 10 rods 18  
links to the S. W. corner of the barn thence S. 68° E. 25 rods to a stone  
thence S. 47° E. 7 rods to a stone thence S. 36 1/2° E. 5 rods to a stone at the  
summit of the hill thence S. 24° E. 56 rods to a birch shadde marked  
thence S. 36 1/4° E. 28 rods to the Guide Post thence S. 38 1/4° E. 32 rods 14 links  
to a stone & stones thence S. 46 1/4° E. 42 rods to a stone & stones thence S.  
50 1/4° E. 39 rods 5 links to a stone & stones thence S. 35° E. 12 rods to a stone  
and stones thence S. 93 1/4° E. 12 rods 7 links to a birch tree marked thence  
S. 12 1/2° E. 30 rods to an oak marked thence S. 23 1/4° E. 9 rods to a stone & stones  
thence S. 7 rods to a stone & stones by the side of the present road to Hannah  
Morley & Feeding Hills meeting house & standing on the top of the hill  
The road from said toll house to the stone on the top of the hill last  
mentioned is laid three rods wide and on the Southwesterly side  
of the line run - no persons or corporations were damaged by laying  
out the said last mentioned road - no damages were claimed,  
none were offered - by reason of laying the road from the County  
Bridge to the said line of the towns damages, after hearing all who  
chose to be heard) were offered as follows (viz) to George & Edmund  
Noble five dollars to Lucius Thayer twenty five dollars, to Stephen  
Harrison fifteen dollars Sylvanus G. Morley Eight Dollars, Ambrose  
Day two dollars, Daniel Starking relinquished all claim to damages  
Roswell King three dollars - In the construction of the road from the  
County Bridge to the road leading to Montgomery the travelled  
path is to be twenty five feet wide - the bridge across frog hole brook  
is to be placed above highwater mark with stone abutments strongly built



to be twenty feet wide in the clear for travel covered with three inch planks and with suitable railings - from said Montgomery road to the line of the Towns the travelled path is to be twenty feet wide and in the middle of the road laid except when it may be necessary to deviate so as to connect easily with the paths of the old Ambrose Day's land to be hauled down - knolls are to be reduced and properly graded - all sandy places or where the soil is light are to be covered with loam or gravel to make a hard and permanent road - all bridges & sluices to be of least twenty feet wide - On the road from the toll house Southbury to Hamden & Morley the travelled path is to be twenty feet wide except at less than 16 feet exclusive of two good ditches - the bridge is to be three feet at least higher than the present bridge and to be placed farther west than the present one - Four months are allowed for removing timber - said roads in all respects are to be constructed in a substantial & workmanlike manner & finished to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of October 1835 all which is submitted

William Bliss & Seal  
Jael Norrop & Seal  
Reuben Davis Jr & Seal } County Commissioners

While report being read & considered is accepted and the way therein described established as and for a County road or public highway

Benj<sup>n</sup> Ashley & others  
Pet<sup>r</sup> to the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
Ferry across the Connecticut River near the Factory at the Lower Springfield  
To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
Respectfully Represent your Petitioners that the public utility and convenience require that of ferry should be established across the Connecticut River near the factory at the Lower Springfield - they therefore pray that a license may be granted to Benjamin Ashley of West Springfield to establish a ferry at the abovenamed place for the public accommodation - Signed Benj<sup>n</sup> Ashley & others  
West Springfield March 31 1834

The aforesaid petition was entered of a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the Cabot Factory in Springfield on the thirteenth day of June next at Nine O'Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view upon the petition aforesaid and to hear all persons & corporations interested therein and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerks of Springfield & West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Towns respectively an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy



The aforesaid report being read & considered is accepted  
will make return hereof with your doings to William Bliff Esq. one  
of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

William Bliff Chairman

and the aforesaid petition was continued to the meeting of said  
Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October  
last past and the Sheriff pursuant to the foregoing order made the  
following return - "Hampden Co. May 6<sup>th</sup> 1834 By virtue of the  
foregoing order I have served the Town Clerks of the Towns of Springfield  
and West Springfield each with a true & attested copy of the petition  
aforesaid and the order of Notice thereon by giving the same to  
them and also posted up Abstracts containing the substance  
of said petition in two public places in each of said Towns  
C. Rice Sheriff

at which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners  
made this report in writing as follows - "Hampden Co. June  
13<sup>th</sup> 1834 The County Commissioners of said County having  
given Notice to all persons & corporations interested in the  
said petition as by the foregoing return of the Sheriff appears  
and having also caused a copy of said petition with a notice of  
the time place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks  
successively in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed  
in said County the last publication being fourteen days before  
the time of meeting - met pursuant to the said order & proceeded  
to view the several places designated for the establishment of a Ferry  
across Connecticut River near the Factory of the lower privilege  
in Springfield as prayed for in said petition - After viewing &  
hearing the several persons & corporations interested who desired  
to be heard the said Commissioners report that in their opinion  
Common convenience & necessity require that a ferry should  
be located and established as prayed for in said petition all which  
is submitted

William Bliff

Joel Norcross } County  
 Reuben Baies Jr } Commis<sup>rs</sup>

which report being read & considered is accepted - and the said  
Ferry adjudged of Common Convenience & necessity -  
and of which last mentioned meeting it was ordered that said  
Commissioners meet at the house of Kimball at Cabotville in  
Springfield on the seventeenth day of November next at eleven  
O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according  
to the prayer of said petition and after locating to hear all persons  
& corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also that  
notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition  
by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time  
& place & purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the  
Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed in said County the  
last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said  
meeting - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County  
or his Deputy serve the Town Clerks of Springfield & West Springfield  
each with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon thirty  
days at least and post up in two public places in said towns & respectively



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an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days  
at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy  
will make return hereof with his doings to William Bliss one of  
said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

William Bliss Chairman  
and the aforesaid petition was further continued to this meeting  
and pursuant to the last foregoing order the Sheriff makes his  
return as follows: "Hampden Co. Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1834 By virtue of the  
foregoing order I served the Towns of Springfield and  
West Springfield each with a true & attested copy of the petition  
aforesaid & order of notice thereon by giving the same to them  
and also posted up an abstract containing the substance of  
said petition in two public places in each of said towns  
more than fourteen days before the time appointed for  
meeting -

E. Rice Sheriff  
and now at this meeting the County Commissioners make  
their further report in writing as follows: "Hampden Co. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>  
1834 The County Commissioners of said County having given  
notice to all interested in the foregoing petition in manner  
as by the foregoing return of the Sheriff appears - and also by causing  
an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof together  
with the foregoing order of notice to be published three weeks  
successively in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper  
printed in said County the last publication being at least  
fourteen days before the time of said meeting <sup>met</sup> pursuant to  
said order - and the Chairman & Joel Norrop, Standing Com=  
=missioners present & R. Emery Special Commissioner summoned  
to act in place of R. Baies Jr. absent proceeded to locate & establish  
a ferry across the Connecticut River between the Towns of  
Springfield & West Springfield near & below the mouth of the  
Chicopee River - the landing place of said Ferry on the easterly  
side of the Connecticut River to be at some point between  
the Chicopee River and a point not exceeding six rods below  
the Southwesterly corner of the land of the Springfield Canal  
Company - and on the westerly side between limits of  
equal extent opposite to and corresponding with those on the  
easterly side and on both sides to connect with any road  
or public way that may be laid to the said River within said  
limits - no persons were damaged by locating said ferry  
none were claimed & none were allowed - Benjamin  
Ashley on the west side and the Springfield Canal Company  
by John Chase their agent & Paul Vanhorn on the east side  
relinquished damages - all which is submitted.

William Bliss & Seal of County  
Joel Norrop & Seal of Com<sup>rs</sup>  
Robert Emery & Seal Special Com<sup>r</sup>

which Report being read & considered is accepted and the ferry  
therein described established as a public ferry  
and Benjamin Ashley is licensed as a ferryman



The aforesaid report being read & considered is accepted  
 John Baldwin is licensed to keep a tavern in the Town of Palmer <sup>Licenses</sup>  
 at the house lately occupied by John Sedgwick - until the first day of  
 April next -  
 Elisha Adams is licensed as an Innholder at the <sup>Cheshire</sup> factory village  
 in Springfield until the first day of April next -

The following accounts against the County were preferred Accounts  
 to and allowed by the County Commissioners & ordered to be  
 paid out of the County Treasury

Luther Spencer & Co. for goods for bill	\$0.63
William Hunt for Mason work	3.25
Stearns & Jewett for Lumber	15.97
George Colton for surveying	7.50
Samuel Bowles for printing	30.00
Orange Chopin for surveying	2.50
John Ingersoll Clerk for the for Bill	5.15
David Paine for surveying	5.40
John Abbott Coroners fees on Inquisition	9.92
Calib Price for fees as Sheriff	23.7
Willard Bliss for paper	6.67
William H. Foster Coroners fees on Inquisition	9.63
Amasa Parsons for services &c	7.30
James Wall for paper	9.00
Lewis Briggs & Co. for Printing	10.75
To the Selectmen of Granville for mending Road	150.00
To the Selectmen of Palmer do do	300.00
Joel Norriss for services as Commissioner	93.70
Memphis Davis Jr. " " "	93.60
	<u>\$ 774.12</u>

Hampden pt Decr. 24 1834 this meeting is adjourned to  
 Tuesday the tenth day of February next at 10 O'Clock in the forenoon

Attest John Ingersoll Clerk

adjourned meeting February 10<sup>th</sup> 1835

The Chairman is authorized to settle with & pay Clerk - Chairman  
 the keeper of the house of Correction in Worcester for his charges for & settle with  
 copies of papers & other charges in regard to the rules & orders for Keeper of the  
 government of the house of Correction House of Correction  
 in Worcester

The Chairman is appointed agent for the County on Petition Chairman  
 of Austin Chapin & others & Eben Jones & others appointed agent  
 for the County

Ordered that the County Commissioners meet at the Court house on Sat. of Apr.  
 on the first day of April next at 10 O'Clock A.M. to act upon the Chopin &  
 subject of Licenses & others &  
 Eben Jones, etc.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. No meeting of the County Commissioners begun & holden at Springfield within for the County of Hampden on Wednesday the first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty five

Present William Bliss Esqr. Chairman  
Josiah Norcross Esqr. } Commissioners  
Reuben Boies Jr. Esqr. }

Polmer

John Baldwin was licensed as an Innholder as by approbation on file  
Abner Allen is licensed as an Innholder in Polmer  
Ephraim Allen do " " to sell wine ale beer and any fermented liquor at the three rivers village in Polmer & not to sell rum brandy or any ardent spirit

Wales

Cornelius Miller is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Wales at the house now used as a tavern by said Miller about forty rods from the meeting house - to sell wine, beer, ale, or any fermented liquor - but no ardent spirits

Springfield

Gordon Kimball is licensed as an Innholder as by approbation on file  
Horatio Sargent " " " "  
Henry Hocking " " " "  
Elihu Adams " " " "  
Stephen O. Russell " " " "  
Austin Chapin Jr. " " " "  
Samuel King " " " "  
Horace Allen " " " "  
Ezra Kimberly " " " "  
Sumner Chapin " " " "  
Harvey Chapin " " no duty  
Jonathan Bangs Retailer  
Elisha D. Hocking "  
John Curtis do  
Elisha Edwards do  
Henry Brewer Junr. "  
Henry Stearns "  
Jeremy Worring Innholder where he now lives

Longmeadow

William White Retailer no duty  
Artemis Durt Ret  
Diamond Colton Innholder  
Willis Phelps Innholder  
Seth Taylor & Co. Ret

Westfield

Israel M. Parsons Innholder  
Loring Lane Innholder  
Noah Cloth Junr. Innholder  
Lyman Smith Innholder

Granville

Elijah Seymour Innholder  
Charles Phelps Innholder



The aforesaid report being read & considered is accepted  
John W. Gray - Innholder  
William Bliss Innholder  
Solomon Smith "  
Benjamin Fuller Jr. "

Wilbraham

Amos Norwicks Innholder & seller of wine, beer, ale or any fermented M onson  
Liquor - in the house he now occupies - no duty  
Timothy Packard Ret. in the store he now occupies -  
Reuben Lynt Ret. in the store where he sells goods.

Theodore Palmer - Innholder  
Abner Miller - Innholder  
James Bagg - Innholder  
James L. Fairfield Innholder  
Amos Allen - Innholder  
Charles Ely - Retailer wine &c (no duty)  
Elias Winchell - Retailer  
Frederick Ely - do  
Ebenezer Bouchet do for wine & beer & not for spirituous Liquor  
Harvey Root Retailer of the store he now occupies in Feeding hills

West Springfield

Russell Hawley Innholder  
Allen Brunsen Retailer (no duty)

Russell

Ashley Hayden Innholder  
Ely Fuller - Innholder

Sudlaw

Samuel S. Day Innholder

Blandford

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners  
begun & holden at Springfield within & for the County of  
Hampden on the second Tuesday of April being the fourteenth  
day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred & thirty five & from day to day to the eighteenth day  
of said month

By William Bliss, <sup>Esq.</sup> Chairman  
Joel Norwicks <sup>Esq.</sup> } Commissioners  
Reuben Baies Jr. <sup>Esq.</sup> }

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at their Summer  
meeting to be held at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June  
A.D. 1833 -

Chapin & Co  
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The Subscribers & Inhabitants of said Town of Springfield respectfully - inuence of a  
represent - That your board at your present meeting have Rood in  
adjudicated that common convenience & necessity require Springfield  
that a new County road should be laid from near the house  
of Frederick Chapin to Connecticut River, whereby the Old  
County road leading to said River from near the meeting house



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to be true. . .  
in Chisapee Parish will become unnecessary for the public travel  
and accommodation and ought to be discontinued - Your petitioners  
therefore request the County Commissioners to view the premises  
and discontinue said Old road or to divert and order the same  
to be discontinued as soon as the said new road shall be widened  
and opened to the satisfaction of your board - and as in duty  
bound shall pray  
Sumner Chapin & others

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth  
Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred thirty three at which meeting it was ordered that notice  
be given to all persons & corporations interested therein that said  
Commissioners will meet at the house of Sumner Chapin in  
Springfield on the Eleventh day of October next at Nine O'clock  
in the forenoon by publishing an attested copy of said petition  
and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Hampden  
Journal a newspaper printed in said County the last publication  
to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting  
At which time & place said Commissioners will proceed to  
view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing  
thereof all persons & corporations interested therein -

William Bliss Chairman

And the aforesaid petition was continued from meeting to meeting  
to the meeting holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of  
December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and thirty four at which meeting it was ordered that said  
Commissioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on  
the Eleventh day of February next at ten O'clock in the forenoon  
for the purpose of discontinuing according to the prayer of said  
petition and hear all persons & corporations interested upon  
the subject of damages - Also that notice be given to all persons  
and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an  
abstract of said petition and a notice of the time & place and  
purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Springfield  
Republican & Newspaper printed in said County the  
last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said  
meeting - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said  
County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with  
an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon  
and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least  
thirty days at least before the time of said meeting The Sheriff  
or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to said  
Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

William Bliss Chairman

and the aforesaid petition was further continued to this Meeting  
and pursuant to the foregoing order the Sheriff makes his return  
as follows "Hampden Co. Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> 1835 By virtue of the within  
order I have served the Town Clerk of Springfield with a true  
and attested copy of the petition aforesaid & order notice thereon  
by leaving the same at his dwellinghouse & also posted up in  
two public places in said Town on abstract containing the



The said report being read & considered is accepted  
Substance of said Petition

& Rice Sheriff

and now at this meeting the said County Commissioners make their  
report in writing as follows - "Hampden Co. Feb<sup>y</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1835 The County  
Commissioners for the County of Hampden having given notice to all  
persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition as by the  
foregoing return of the Sheriff appears and also by causing an  
abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof together  
with the foregoing order of Notice to be published three weeks  
successively in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed  
in said County the last publication being at least fourteen days  
before the time of meeting met at the Court House pursuant to  
said order of notice and after hearing all parties interested & that  
there to be heard we do adjudge & determine that so much of the  
road leading from Chicopee Meeting house to the Connecticut  
River as lies between the Chicopee street near the store occupied  
by William L. Bemis and the said River be discontinued  
as a County Road -

William Bliss & Seal

Joel Norwicks & Seal

Reuben Boies Jr. & Seal Com<sup>rs</sup>

County  
Com<sup>rs</sup>

which report being read & considered is accepted and the way  
therein described discontinued

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at their meeting Austin Chopin  
on the fourth Tuesday of December A.D. 1834 2<sup>d</sup> P<sup>ts</sup> & others  
Complain<sup>ts</sup> Austin Chopin 2 & Pliny Chopin both of Springfield for a jury or  
in said County that on the thirtieth day of September A.D. 1834 the Committee to  
said County Commissioners on the Petition of John Chase & others estimate damages  
laid out & located a County road through & over the lands of the  
said Complainants situate in said Springfield and made report  
of the location of said road which report was returned & accepted  
and established as a highway at a meeting of said Commissioners  
holden<sup>d</sup> the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1834 by which report it  
appears that the said Commissioners have assessed as damages to  
the said Pliny Chopin the sum of Twenty five Dollars and to  
Japhet Chopin his (of which the said Austin is <sup>the</sup> owner of eight tenths  
parts) the sum of five dollars - by means of said location and  
establishment of said road and by reason of the small amount  
of damages the said Pliny & Austin are greatly aggrieved - Therefore  
we ask that a jury or such a Committee as may be agreed upon  
may be ordered to be summoned by the Commissioners of said  
to hear them in this behalf and the premises and order themselves  
additional damages as justice demands Austin Chopin 2

Pliny Chopin by Austin Chopin 2

The foresaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County Com-  
missioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four  
at which meeting the said Austin & Pliny appeared & agreed with  
the County Commissioners upon James Fowler Josiah Abbott &  
Nathan Shepard as a Committee to view the premises & estimate  
said damages - and thereupon it was ordered by the County



to be true. I  
Commissioners that James Fowler Jehiel Abbott & Warham Shepard be  
a Committee to view the premises and who are to be under oath faith-  
-fully & impartially to estimate the damages sustained by the said  
Austin & Pliny and who were to give due & reasonable notice to the  
said Austin & Pliny and to William Bliss Esq who is appointed agent  
for the County by the Commissioners to appear before said Committee  
on behalf of the County of the time & place of their meeting to view the  
premises and make return of their doings under their hands & seals  
at the meeting of the County Commissioners to be holden for said County  
on the second Tuesday of April one thousand eight hundred &  
thirty five and this petition was continued to this meeting and  
a warrant was duly issued to the said James Fowler Jehiel  
Abbott & Warham Shepard authorizing & empowering them to  
view the premises and estimate said damages -  
Hampden  
April 3. 1835 Then James Fowler Jehiel Abbott & Warham Shepard  
above named personally appeared & made oath to the faithful &  
impartial performance of the duty imposed upon them by the  
foregoing warrant - Before me William Bliss Justice of the Peace  
and now at this meeting the said James Fowler, Jehiel Abbott  
and Warham Shepard make their report in writing as follows  
"Hampden Pt. April 3 1835 Then we the Subscribers having met  
the parties by appointment on the day above mentioned and  
having viewed with them the route of the road and heard the  
parties in relation to the damages claimed and the agent of the  
County in behalf of the County and having been duly sworn  
as above adjourned the further consideration of the subject to this  
time and having now met & resumed the consideration of the same  
and after mature reflection & examination do adjudge that there  
be paid from the County to Austin Chapin & in behalf of  
Japhet Chapin the sum of seven dollars & fifty cents to  
Pliny Chapin the sum of thirty dollars damages -  
In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & seals at  
Westfield this tenth day of April in the year of our Lord 1835-  
James Fowler & Seal  
Warham Shepard & Seal  
Jehiel Abbott & Seal  
fees \$4. each \$12 -  
which report being read & considered is accepted -

Eben Jones Jr To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at their  
dothors Pet. for meeting to be holden in & for said County on the fourth Tuesday  
a jury of Com. of December in the year of our Lord 1834  
to estimate damages The Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of West Springfield in said  
County would respectfully represent that the County Commis-  
-sioners for said County on the second day of October now last  
past laid out a new highway in said West Springfield leaving  
the old <sup>highway</sup> road on the North side of Riley Brook & there entering  
the land of your petitioner Horace Smith and entering the old  
highway near the dwelling house & on the land of your  
petitioners Pelotiah Oly and in the course between the two points  
above designated crossing the lands of your petitioners Alexander Day



The said report being read & considered is accepted  
Ebenezer Jones Jr. Aaron Ashley, Hiram Jones & extending & continuing the  
road beyond the point last mentioned partly in the old highway and partly  
on lands of your petitioners Hosea Day, Moses Ely Warren Hitchcock  
Nathan J. Atkins & Willard Ely which road was established by the  
said Commissioners at their meeting holden at Springfield of aforesaid  
on the second Tuesday of October last past - your petitioners would  
further represent that the damages allowed by the said Commissioners  
to the said Horace Smith was eighty five dollars, to the said Alexander  
Day forty six dollars to the said Ebenezer Jones Jr. one hundred thirty  
dollars to the said Petition Ely twelve dollars to Aaron Ashley  
fifty five dollars, to Hosea Day ten dollars to Hiram Jones one hundred  
dollars to Moses Ely one dollar, Warren Hitchcock five dollars  
Nathan J. Atkins twelve dollars and Willard Ely one dollar  
your petitioners would further represent that the damages estimated  
& allowed them are in their opinion wholly inadequate to com-  
pensate them for the value of their lands taken for said highway  
for the expense of removing & building <sup>their</sup> fences and for the other  
injuries they have sustained by the location of said highway  
across their lands as aforesaid - they therefore pray that a jury may  
be summoned to go upon said land and to assess the damages  
which your petitioners have severally sustained by the aforesaid  
doings of the Commissioners or that a Committee of three  
persons may be agreed upon by the Commissioners and your  
petitioners for the purposes aforesaid, - (Ebenezer Jones Jr. Petition  
Ely Hiram Jones, Nathan J. Atkins, Warren Hitchcock, Willard  
Ely, Alexander Day Aaron Ashley Hosea Day, Horace Smith)  
Aaron Ashley desires his name to be omitted or erased from  
the above petition - The aforesaid petition was entered at  
the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County  
on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred & thirty four - At which meeting the  
said petitioners appeared and agreed with the County Commissioners  
upon James Fowler, Jehiel Abbott & Nathaniel Shepard as a  
committee to view the premises and estimate said damages  
and thereupon it was ordered by the County Commissioners  
that James Fowler, Jehiel Abbott & Nathaniel Shepard be a  
Committee to view the premises and who are to be under oath  
faithfully & impartially to estimate the damages sustained by  
by the said petitioners and who were to give due & seasonable  
notice to the said Petitioners and William Bliss Esq. who is ap-  
pointed agent for the County by the County Commissioners to  
to appear before said Committee on behalf of the County of the  
time & place of their meeting to view the premises & make return  
of their doings under their hands & seals at the meeting of the  
County Commissioners to be holden for said County on the second  
Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and thirty five - and this petition was continued to this meeting  
and a warrant was duly issued to the said James Fowler, Jehiel  
Abbott and Nathaniel Shepard authorising & empowering them  
to view the premises & estimate said damages - "Hampden ss April 3. 1835"



to be true. Then James Fowler, Josiah Abbott & Natham Shepard personally appeared and made oath to the faithful & impartial discharge of the duties imposed upon them by the foregoing warrant.

Before me William Bliss Justice of the Peace and now at this meeting the said James Fowler, Josiah Abbott and Natham Shepard make their report in writing as follows: "Hampden Co. The undersigned having given due notice to the parties and to William Bliss Esq agent for the County met the parties aforesaid on the road above complained of and having viewed the route and examined the lands to them for <sup>the</sup> said road and also having heard the parties in reference to their claims for damages on the second day of April A.D. 1835 having been sworn as above adjourned the further consideration of the subject to this time and now having resumed the consideration of the same we do award and determine there should be paid by the County to Horace Smith the sum of Ninety five dollars to Alexander Day the sum of Sixty Dollars to Ebenezer Jones Jr. the sum of one Hundred Sixty <sup>dollars</sup> to Hiram Jones the sum of one hundred twenty dollars to Pelotiah Ely the sum of Twenty Dollars to Moss Ely one dollar to Warren Hitchcock Fifteen Dollars to Hosea Day Fifteen Dollars to Prudence J. Whittins Sixteen Dollars to Willard Ely one dollar - In witness whereof we have hereunto affixed our hands & seals this tenth day of April A.D. 1835

James Fowler & Seal  
Natham Shepard & Seal  
Josiah Abbott & Seal  
which report being read & considered is accepted.

For \$4. each - \$12 -

George P. Wight To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at their Pet. for a jury meeting on the fourth Tuesday of December A.D. 1834 or Com. to Comptains George P. Wight of Monson in said County that the Estimate Damages County Commissioners on the petition of Marquis Converse & others laid out & located a County road through & over the land of your Complainant situated in said Monson and made report of the location of said road which report was accepted and established <sup>as a highway</sup> at a meeting of said Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1834 and that the damages allowed your Complainant by said Commissioners are wholly inadequate to compensate him for the damages he has sustained by the laying of said road and prays that a jury or such Committee as may be agreed upon may be ordered to be summoned by the Commissioners aforesaid to hear him in this behalf and view the premises and order such additional damages as justice demands

George P. Wight -

The aforesaid petition was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December last past at which meeting the said George P. Wight appeared & agreed with County Commissioners upon John Ingersoll William Rice & David Paine as a Committee to estimate said damages and the said John Ingersoll William Rice



The said report being read & considered is accepted  
& David Paine were appointed a Committee for the aforesaid purpose and  
this petition was continued to this meeting and a Warrant was duly  
issued directed to the said John Ingersoll William Rice & David Paine authorizing  
and empowering them to estimate said damages and who were required to be  
under oath faithfully & impartially to appraise the same - and make return of  
their doings to this meeting and now the said Committee make  
their report in writing as follows - " We the subscribers having been  
agreed upon as a Committee for the purpose mentioned in the  
foregoing Commission and being duly sworn and notified the parties  
make report that the said George P. Wight and the County Commissioners  
by Joel Norriss their agent appointed for that purpose appeared before  
us on the twenty third day of December 1834 and after hearing the  
statements of said parties are of opinion that the said George P. Wight  
is entitled to the sum of Twenty five dollars as damages

John Ingersoll & Seal  
William Rice & Seal  
David Paine & Seal

which report being read & considered is accepted

#### Licenses

- Enoch Doan is licensed as an Innholder at the house now occupied by him Southwick
- Milton Hays is licensed as an Innholder and not a retailer at the house lately occupied by Frederic Hotchkiss
- Edmund Hubbard Jr. is an Innholder in the Town of Chester at Chester Factory at the house formerly kept by Samuel Henry Chester
- Albert G. Henry is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Chester at Chester North village near Thomas A. Plunkett's house kept by the S. Albert the last season
- John Lewis is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Chester at Chester village, Follings & Roads at the house formerly kept by Lewis Collins
- Isaiah Bliss is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Brimfield Brimfield in the house where he now lives
- Joseph D. Browning is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Brimfield in the house where he now lives
- Ebenezer Ingraham is licensed as an Innholder in West Springfield West Springfield at the house he now occupies
- Warren Clark is licensed to keep a tavern in the house he now occupies in West Springfield (Agawam)
- Elijah Arnold is licensed as a retailer of Ardent Spirits in the Town Westfield of Westfield at his store on the North side of Green next door to the Bank
- Rosewell King is licensed as a taverner & Innholder to sell wine beer and other fermented liquors (and not spirituous) at the house now occupied by him in Westfield
- David H. Maywin is licensed as a retailer of Ardent Spirits in Westfield at the store he now occupies on Westfield Green
- Ordered that the County Treasurer be authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding County Treas two thousand dollars on the credit of the County & give a note or notes on the 1st of September next payable as soon as the first day of September next authorized to borrow money



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to be true. 1  
Ordered that William Bliss Esqr. be appointed agent of the County and  
authorised to cause repairs to be made upon the pillars of the Court House  
and the fences around the house and to make arrangements with the  
Committee or other persons of the first Parish in Springfield in relation  
to said fences, the grounds & the practice of fastening horses to the Court  
house &c.

August 28  
Examine the  
Road laid out  
Pet. of John Sedgwick

Joel Norrop is Authorised to examine the road laid out on the petition of John Sedgwick from time to time & notify the Commissioners when it may be advisable to view the same for acceptance

The same authority & service is assigned to R. Boisj in relation to the road in Granville laid out on the Petition of W. H. Squires & others

Accounts Allowed		
The following accounts were prepared & allowed by the County Commissioners & ordered to be paid out of this county Treasury		
George Bliss for paper &c p <sup>t</sup> bill	—	\$80.56
John Ingersoll for fees	—	9.57
Col. Rice for fees	—	5.45
Ralph Bliss for sundries	—	4.62
A. G. Tammatt for printing	—	23.12
Harvey Chapin for boarding Prisoners	—	363.97
James Brewer for sundries	—	55.95
William Hunt for labor &c	—	26.95
Amasa Parsons for services &c p <sup>t</sup> bill	—	20.87
Harvey Chapin for keeping House of Correction	—	27.00
Russell Jenkins for damages for road on P <sup>t</sup> of J. Brown dothrs	—	100.00
Samuel Osgood dothrs " on P <sup>t</sup> of J. Chase dothrs	—	897.00
Horace Smith dothrs " " " " Jane Dwight dothrs	—	550.00
Geo. P. Wight dothrs " " " " Marquis Converse do	—	155.00
James Fowler dothrs Committee	—	24.00
William Bliss as agent	—	0.30
Reuben Davis Jr with the Committee	—	3.70
Oran Fuller dothrs for damages on P <sup>t</sup> of J. Ames &c	—	130.00
Chester Cooley " " " " " " P <sup>t</sup> of Dury " " " dothrs	—	119.00
Jacob Thompson " " " " " " on P <sup>t</sup> of Ames &c dothrs	—	00.00
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The said report being read & considered is accepted  
 April Meeting 1835 Whereas at the December Meeting of the County Com<sup>rs</sup> Henry &  
 = missioners Benjamin Ashley was licensed as a ferryman at the Ferry county Cabotville  
 established near the Cabot Factory across the Connecticut River between the order respecting  
 Towns of Springfield & West Springfield - it is now ordered by the said County  
 Commissioners that the said Ashley keep a good boat or boats in proper  
 repair and in readiness to pass & repass at said Ferry at all times when  
 the river is passable for boats and that the ferryman give due attendance  
 on all passengers from sunrise to 9 O'clock P.M. each day from the first  
 day of May to the first day of December in each year at the rates  
 and according to the regulations hereinafter named -

### Notes of ferrage

For each foot passenger	3 cents
" " person & horse	10
" " horse mule or most cattle	4
" " Sheep or swine	1
" " Cart or wagon drawn by two beasts	16
for every additional beast	4
" " Pleasure Carriage drawn by two horses	20
for every additional horse	4
" " Chaise, gig or wagon with tops & springs drawn by one horse	12 1/2
for every additional horse	4
" " Wagon or cart drawn by one horse	10.

If the ferryman shall attend & render services at any time during  
 the residue of the year at high water or when the river is obstructed  
 by ice he shall be allowed to add 25 per cent to the rates above  
 established

The Inht<sup>s</sup> of the Town of Monson Petition for allowance of one half expense for making a road  
 on Rd<sup>o</sup> of Marquis Converse & others <sup>Amos Norcross & others</sup> as on file - Ordered as follows - The Commissioners  
 acting upon the petitions of Amos Norcross & others & Marquis Converse & others (vrs) Wm Bliss Ruben Boies Jr  
 standing Commissioners & Robert Emery Special Commissioner having considered the prayer Petition of the  
 Inhabitants of the Town of Monson now estimate the expense of constructing the road in said Town laid  
 out upon the petition of Amos Norcross & others at the sum of Twelve Hundred dollars & order & direct that the  
 sum of four hundred dollars be paid from the County Treasury to the Town of Monson in part of the expense  
 of making said road in said Town - And we estimate the expense of constructing that part of the bridge &  
 a portion of the road laid out on the petition of Marquis Converse & others which lies within the Town of Mon  
 son at Three Hundred Dollars & order & direct that the sum of One Hundred & fifty dollars be paid  
 from the County Treasury to said Town in part of the expense of said Bridge & road. said sums to be paid  
 when said roads shall be made & completed by the County Commissioners - William Bliss County Com<sup>r</sup>  
 Ruben Boies Jr  
 Robert Emery Special Com<sup>r</sup>

Hampden Co. April 18<sup>th</sup> 1835 all matters not acted upon are  
 Continued and this meeting is adjourned without day

Attest John Ingersoll Clerk



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden - At a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of June being the twenty third day of said Month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty five and by adjournment on the first Tuesday of July being the seventh day <sup>of said month</sup> from day to day to the Ninth day of said July 1835

By James W. Crook Esq. Chairman  
Gideon Stiles Esq. } Commissioners  
Ezra Knapp Esq. }

Hiram Jones

Pet. for ferry

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at their meeting to be holden at Springfield in & for said County on the first Wednesday of April A.D. 1835 -

The Subscriber requests that he may be again licensed to keep a ferry across Connecticut at the place commonly known by the name of Jones' ferry where he has kept one for the two last years.

West Springfield March 31. 1835

Hiram Jones

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April last past & continued to this Meeting and now it is ordered that the prayer of said petition be granted ✓

Stephen Harrison

Others Pet. for a

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To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden -

The petition of Stephen Harrison & Edmund Noble & George W. Noble & Lucius F. Thayer of Westfield in said County Humbly shew that in the estimation of damages by the said Commissioners occasioned by the location of an alteration in the highway in Westfield leading from the County Bridge to Morley's toll bridge which alteration was established by the said Commissioners at their last meeting your petitioners are aggrieved in as much as the said Commissioners have assessed the sum of fifteen dollars only to the said Stephen as his damages occasioned by the location of a part of said road upon his land extending in length easterly from the frog hole brook and crossing the Montgomery road about ninety six & half rods which is more particularly described in the report of location whereas in truth the damages of the said Stephen aforesaid amount to one hundred dollars - and the said Commissioners have assessed to the said Edmund & George W. as their damages occasioned by the location of that part of said road extending from the said County bridge easterly to the land of Lucius Thayer or Lucius F. Thayer and more particularly described in said report the sum of five dollars whereas in truth the damages aforesaid of the said Edmund & George W. amount to the sum of twenty dollars - and the said Commissioners have assessed to said Lucius as his damages occasioned by the location of that part of the road extending from said Edmund & George Noble northerly to land of said Stephen or to frog hole brook upon land of said Lucius the sum of twenty five dollars which land & location is more particularly



The aforesaid report being read & considered is accepted  
described in said location whereas in truth the damages amount to  
Sixty Dollars - The said Stephen Edmund & George W. & Lucius F. pray  
the Commissioners that a jury may be summoned to assess damages  
for injury to their lands aforesaid or that they will agree upon a Committee  
to estimate their damages as aforesaid as in duty bound will ever  
pray - Dated this fourteenth day of April in the year of our Lord  
Eighteen Hundred & thirty five

- Stephen Harrison  
Edmund Noble  
George W. Noble  
Lucius F. Thayer.

The aforesaid petition was entered at the meeting of the County  
Commissioners holden for said County on the Second Tuesday of  
April last past at which meeting the petitioners appeared and  
agreed with the County Commissioners upon Harvey Chapin  
Charles Ely & Charles Stearns as a Committee to view the premises  
& estimate said damages and this petition was continued to this meeting  
and a warrant was duly issued to the said Harvey Chapin Charles Ely  
& Charles Stearns authorizing & empowering them to view the premises  
and under oath to estimate the damages sustained by said petitioners  
and now the said Harvey Chapin Charles Ely & Charles Stearns  
after having been sworn as appears by the certificate of William Bliss  
Esq. make their report in writing as follows: "The subscribers  
appointed a Committee by the foregoing warrant having given  
due & seasonable notice met the parties at the house of Roswell  
King in Westfield on the fourth day of June 1835 Edmund Noble  
Lucius F. Thayer & Stephen Harrison appeared in behalf of the petitioners  
and William Bliss appeared as agent for the County - We viewed  
the premises and heard the parties and now estimate the damages  
sustained by the petitioners by reason of laying out the road mentioned  
in said Commission as follows (viz.) To Edmund & George W. Noble  
Eight Dollars thirty three cents to Lucius F. Thayer Twenty eight dollars  
thirty three cents to Stephen Harrison thirty six dollars thirty three  
cents all which is submitted  
fee of Committee \$10.00

Harvey Chapin & Seal  
Charles Ely & Seal  
Charles Stearns & Seal

which report being read & considered is accepted

To the board of County Commissioners for the County of Thaddeus  
Hamden at their meeting held at Springfield June 23. 1835 Taylor & others  
Humbly shew Thaddeus Taylor & his wife Lydia Taylor of Suffield  
Suffield in the State of Connecticut & Caroline Flower of said Suffield  
Suffield and Eli Warner & his wife Frances Warner of Springfield  
-field aforesaid - That the said Frances Caroline & Lydia are the  
only heirs at law of Robert R. Flower late of said Springfield  
deceased - That heretofore built on the Ninth day of April 1833  
Benjamin Jenks & others petitioned the County Commissioners  
for the time being to view lay & establish a highway on the  
Southside of Chicopee River to run from near the old bridge  
and opposite the house of David Boyant in said Springfield  
to the Boston road (so called) & strike said Boston road in said



to be twenty rods - Springfield or in Wilbroham in said County of Hampden that on the second Tuesday of June then next following said Commissioners passed an order that all persons & corporations interested in said petition should be notified of the pendency thereof & of the time and place when said Commissioners would thereafter meet for the purpose of locating said road and of hearing all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages that pursuant to said Notice which was thereupon given they afterwards (viz) on the Eleventh day of November 1834 met at the time & place in said order mentioned and proceeded to lay out & establish said highway (having adjudged the same to be of Common convenience & necessity) that they then did so locate said road & order the same to be made & completed on or before the first day of November A.D. 1835 and did then estimate & award the damages thirty assessed to sundry owners of land - that said road is located over the land of said Robert R. Flower deceased in said Springfield for a distance of sixty five rods - and your petitioners further represent that said Robert R. Flower was confined by Sickness at the house of his father in law in Suffield in the State of Connecticut from the first day of November 1834 until his death which occurred on the seventh day of the same November which was four days previous to the day on which said road was located and the hearing had as to damages - and that there was then no person living within this Commonwealth interested in the estate of said deceased - that your petitioners are the only persons interested in said estate and that until long after the decease of said Robert R. (viz) until the fourth day of May last they all resided in Suffield in the State of Connecticut and had no notice of the laying of said road or the assessment of damages nor did they have any such notice within the time when said Flower if he had been living ought to have applied for a jury as provided by law in case of a grievance as to damages they further represent that the location of said road is through the whole length of their said lot of land dividing it into two better pieces and requiring them to make & maintain one hundred & thirty rods of fence mowing it necessary also to remove their barn which is in two separate frames and thirty feet by forty in dimensions - also the shed forty feet by fifteen - said barn has lately been moved into the place where it now stands and fitted up at very considerable expense - Nevertheless the aforesaid board of County Commissioners awarded to them the sum of ten dollars only as their share of damages by reason of the laying said road - whereas your petitioners represent and verily believe and are ready to verify that the damages by them actually sustained and to be sustained in the premises is near the sum of two hundred dollars - Wherefore feeling themselves aggrieved & deeply injured in the premises they pray that this board of Commissioners will so far review the said proceedings as to allow to your petitioners that sum in damages by reason of the premises or such other



The aforesaid report being read & considered is accepted  
sum of law & justice may require - or that this Board will order a jury  
to be summoned or a Committee appointed in manner provided by  
law to assess the damages aforesaid Eli Warner for himself &  
James W. Crookus valated his seat in this case for comp  
and James Bagg Special Commissioners took his seat as the Attorney of all the Petitioners  
in the hearing of this case said Crookus being an  
Inhabitant of the Town of Springfield - above named -

The aforesaid petition was entered at this meeting and after a full  
hearing of said petitioners by Justice Willard Esq. their Attorney it is  
ordered by the Commissioners that the prayer of said petition be  
not granted

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Selectmen  
Hampden - The Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Gran of Granville  
- ville in said County respectfully represent that in order to Pet. for allowance  
complete the County road laid out by said Commissioners of expense for  
from near the house of Nathan Parsons to Custis Brooks in meeting a  
said Town we have by the directions of the Town advanced road in Granville  
in addition to one half of the first estimate the further sum of  
Seventy one dollars which has been expended and that said  
road is still unfinished and that some further appropriation  
is still necessary to complete said road to the acceptance of said  
Commissioners - We would therefore request that the Honorable  
Commissioners allow a further sum of Seventy one Dollars in  
addition to the sum already allowed by them to be expended  
for the completion of said road - John W. Barnes } Selectmen  
Granville June 22 1835 Alpheus Bancroft } Granville

The aforesaid petition was entered at this meeting and thereupon  
after hearing said petitioners upon said petition it is ordered as follows  
" Upon the petition of the Selectmen of Granville for a new estimate  
of the expense of meeting the road laid out by the County Commissioners  
in said Town of Granville on the petition of Wm H. Squires & others  
the County Commissioners now having considered said petition of the  
Selectmen of Granville and having examined the subject estimate  
the damages onew of the sum of Six Hundred & forty two dollars  
and direct that one half part of that sum (viz) three hundred & twenty  
one dollars be paid and allowed to the said Town of Granville  
from the County Treasury whenever said road shall be com-  
- pleted and accepted by the Commissioners - said last mentioned  
sum being Seventy one dollars greater than the sum allowed  
to said Town by a former order - James W. Crookus } County  
Gideon Stiles } Commissioners  
Cyrus Thorap }

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden - Orange  
Respectfully represents that the County road which <sup>was</sup> laid out in Chapin &  
the year 1834 from near the dwellinghouse of Oliver Chapin in others Pet for  
Springfield to near the dwellinghouse of Warren Hubbard in Ludlow Attraction of  
and not yet worked is as to its location particularly that part of said a road in  
road in the Town of Springfield in the opinion of your petition Springfield  
susceptible of improvement whereby the public interests will be promoted  
and the interest of individuals be less injured - they therefore pray  
said Commissioners to view said road & roads & make such alterations



to be twenty feet in the location thereof in said Town of Springfield as may be thought necessary and also discontinue such parts of said road as may be thought expedient - June A.D. 1835  
Orange Chopin (Goodwin & Obigault)  
David Moore, Roswell Poore, Lucius Cooby - Geo. W. Culver Orrin  
Fuller Milster Pendleton

The aforesaid petition was entered at this Meeting - and Linus Bogg Esqr. Special Commissioner sits in the hearing of this case James W. Crocker Esqr. Commissioner being and Inhabitant of Springfield and by law is unable to act - And after a full hearing of the Petitioners upon said petition it is ordered that the prayer of said petition be not granted -

County Treas<sup>r</sup> - The votes for County Treasurer having been sorted & counted it appears that the whole number of votes was eight hundred & six - necessary to a choice four hundred & four and that David Paine had Seven Hundred & Nineteen and is declared by the County Commissioners to be chosen who appears and gives bond to the acceptance of the County Commissioners and is sworn before the County Commissioners by the Clerk to the faithful discharge of the duties of said office -

Chairman of Com<sup>n</sup>. James W. Crocker Esqr. is elected by ballot Chairman of the County Commissioners at this meeting being the first meeting by ballot of said County Commissioners elected under the law of this Commonwealth

Cornelius Miller Pet<sup>n</sup> on file for a license to keep a tavern in the Town of Wales -  
Prayer of petition not granted -  
Adjourned to Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July next at nine O. Clock A.M.

Licenses  
Elijah Seymour is licensed as a Retailer in Granville in his store  
Jed Root is licensed as a Ret. in the store now occupied by him in Granville  
Timothy M. Cooley is licensed as a Ret. in the store now occupied by him in Granville  
Vincent Holcomb is licensed as a Ret. in his office at Granville  
Wm H. Squire is licensed as an Innholder in Granville in the house he now occupies to sell wine beer & other fermented liquors  
Lewis Collins is licensed as a retailer in the Town of Chester in his store at Chester Village  
James Worthington is licensed as an Innholder in the house he now occupies lately occupied by Horatio Sargeant in Springfield  
Harrison Foote is licensed as a Ret. in Southwick at the store he now occupies  
Monro Allen is licensed as a Ret. in Westfield at the store now occupied by him  
David M. Moore Pet. on file for a license to retail in Springfield after a hearing upon 3<sup>d</sup> pet. it is ordered that the same be dismissed  
William Bliss Pet. on file for license to Ret. in William - not granted  
Thomas Loomis is licensed as an Innholder in Westfield at the house formerly occupied by him as a tavern  
Charles P. Clark is licensed as an Innholder in Westfield at the house now occupied by him



The aforesaid report being read & considered is accepted  
Hector Winchell is licensed as an Innholder in Westfield at the house lately  
occupied by Noah Clarke Junr.

Wm B. C. & others

Ordered upon the Petition of William B. C. & others as to Aqueduct Pipes -  
that the prayer of said petition be granted on condition however that  
said Conduit pipes may be removed at any time by the Commissioners  
whenever the interest of the County shall require it

Pet. as to Aqueduct

Pipes

Ordered that the County Treasurer be authorized to borrow a sum of Treasurer  
money not exceeding Twelve Hundred Dollars on the Credit of the  
County and give a note or Notes therefor payable on or before the  
first day of December next -

Authorized to

Borrow money

Arnold Woodworth is licensed as an Innholder in West Springfield at  
the house he now occupies near the bridge across Connecticut River  
Silas Dewey is licensed as a retailer in West Springfield at the store  
now occupied by him in Feeding Hills  
Symon Whitmore is licensed as a retailer in West Springfield at  
the store he now occupies

Licenses

James Crooks Esqr. is appointed agent by the County Commis- Agent to  
sioners to superintend the repairs of the County buildings as shall  
be found necessary - And also repairs of the ground around the Court  
House and for erecting such fences as shall be found necessary  
and proper

County building

& ground about

Court House

Pliny Cadwell is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Willingham  
at the store now occupied by him  
Oliver McKinstry is licensed as a retailer in the Town of Monson  
in the store he now occupies -  
Amos Worthington is licensed as a retailer of wine only in the  
Town of West Springfield at the store he now occupies  
Joel Rogers is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Woles

no duty

The following accounts against the County were prepared & allowed  
by the County Commissioners & ordered to be out of the County Treasury

Allowed

Samuel W. Belden for medicine &c per bill \$20.50

John Ingersoll for fees &c per bill 4.37

Joseph Bull for advertising &c 1.25

Caleb Rice for serving notices &c 22.50

James Wells for paper 16.00

Thomas Bond for wood 2.21

Bontecourt & Hunt paper &c per bill 4.66

George W. Callender for Record Books & alphabets &c 40.00

Goodman & Bartlett Sundry work per bill 4.11

Amasa Parsons for sawing wood &c per bill 9.75

William Rice with per. for freight of paper .75

E. & C. Merriam for paper &c \$2.21 - Simon Smith with at Callender \$34.53, 66

William B. C. fees as Agent for County petitions for Roads &c 16.27 1/2

Hampden July 9<sup>th</sup> 1835

This meeting is adjourned

without day

Attest John Ingersoll Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co. A meeting of the County Commissioners begun & holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of October being the sixth day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty five and from day to day to the ninth day of said month - and by adjournment on the second Tuesday of November being the tenth day of said month and from day to day to the twelfth day of said month A.D. 1835

By James W. Crooks Esqr Chairman  
Gideon Stiles Esqr Commissioners  
Cyrus Thayer Esqr

Moses Ashley &  
Others Pet<sup>r</sup> for a  
Road in West-  
Springfield.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
Respectfully Represent the Subscribers Inhabitants of West Springfield  
that public convenience & necessity require that a new road should be laid out from a place on the West bank of Connecticut River some where between the store of Frederick Thayer and the house of Benjamin Ashley to intersect the road running through Bush Notch at such point as shall be thought expedient - In case it should not be thought expedient to lay a new road the whole distance then to lay a new road part of the way and to make such alterations in the remainder as may be necessary - They further represent that an alteration is required in the road from the pond school house to Elisha Ashley's they therefore pray said Commissioners to view said route and lay & make such alterations as may be thought necessary

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1834

Signed Moses Ashley & others

The aforesaid petition was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four and continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty five at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the store of P. & S. Ely in West Springfield on the seventeenth day of August next at Nine O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose & proceeding to view said route & hearing all persons interested and to locate according to the prayer of said petition if it shall be so adjudged and after locating to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and a notice of the time & place & purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Republican & Journal a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two



The aforesaid report being read & considered  
public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of  
said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting The Sheriff  
or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman  
of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crocker Chairman

and this petition was further continued to this meeting and pursuant  
to the aforesaid order the Sheriff makes his return as follows —

"Hampden Co. July 17<sup>th</sup> 1835 pursuant to the foregoing order I have  
served the Town Clerk of West Springfield with a true & attested copy  
of said petition & order of Notice thereon by giving the same to him  
and posted up abstract of said petition in two public places in said  
Town more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting —

E. Rice Sheriff

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make this  
report in writing as follows "Hampden Co. August 17<sup>th</sup> 1835  
On the foregoing petition the County Commissioners for said County  
having given notice to all persons & corporations interested therein  
as by the foregoing return of the Sheriff appears and having also  
caused a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of  
notice to be published three weeks successively in the Republican  
and Journal a newspaper printed in said County the last pub-  
-lication being fourteen days at least previous to said time of  
meeting; met pursuant to said order of Notice at the time & place  
therein mentioned and proceeded to view the route mentioned in  
said petition. After viewing said route & hearing all persons and  
corporations interested that chose to be heard in the premises the said  
Commissioners were of opinion and accordingly adjudged that  
common convenience & necessity require that a new road should  
be laid out part of the route mentioned in the first part of said petition  
to wit from the main street near the house of Daniel Ashley to  
Connecticut River and that an alteration should be made in  
the road called the Basher Notch road near the pond schoolhouse  
whereupon the said Commissioners proceeded to lay out a highway  
and an alteration of a way so adjudged by them of common conve-  
-nience & necessity as aforesaid & established the same as follows "

(ordr) Beginning on the Easterly side of Main Street at a stone &  
stones by land of Horace Smith one rod southerly of said Smith's  
Northwest corner the distance from said Smith's North line being  
one rod measuring on a course at right angles with his said  
North line and run thence E.  $19^{\circ}15'S$ . 16 rods & strike the South  
line of Benjamin Ashleys land thence E.  $23^{\circ}15'S$ . 111 rods 13  
links by said Ashleys land to a stone & stones standing southerly  
of the ferry house of said Ashley said road is laid three rods wide  
from main street to the last mentioned stone & stones and the  
line run on the South side of the road from this station  
we continued the same course E.  $23^{\circ}15'S$ . 15 rods 12 links to  
Connecticut River. and from a stone & stones on the North side  
of the road and easterly of said ferry house we run N.  $23^{\circ}15'E$   
11 rods to the river thus gradually widening the road from near the  
ferry house to the River that the landing from boats & going on board may be



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to be twenty feet wide. Safe easy & convenient. We also established the following alteration in the road leading from Jones ferry to Bush's Notch (vbr) Beginning at the west end of the stone wall a few feet east of the pond schoolhouse and run on the North side of the road E.  $1^{\circ}15'$  S. 38 rods to stone and stones by the wall thence E.  $24^{\circ}$  N. 20 rods to a walnut tree thence E.  $33^{\circ}15'$  N. 20 rods to an angle in the wall thence N.  $35^{\circ}15'$  E. 22 rods to a heap of stones against the wall where the line run intersects the North line of the Bush's Notch road and laid the same three rods wide. The said alteration having been already made and the road well constructed the same is hereby established and accepted as a public way or road.

In the construction of the road from main street to the River the ground is to be broken at least thirty feet wide the travelled path is to be at least twenty feet wide exclusive of ditches said road is to be properly hardened, the ground to be well thrown up and all low places to be raised and sluices or bridges to be built wherever necessary the bank of the river to be properly holed down and the road there hardened so that the passing to & from the boat may be at all times safe easy & convenient and finally said road is to be constructed and finished in a substantial & workmanlike manner on or before the first day of June next to the acceptance of the Commissioners. Said road is laid and the said alteration made over & upon <sup>lands</sup> of Horace Smith, Lottie Pepper, Benjamin Ashley and Elisha Ashley and after hearing all persons & corporations interested & who chose to be heard upon the subject of damages we assessed & allowed damages as follows (vbr)

To Horace Smith the sum of six dollars	\$6.00
To Lottie Pepper the sum of six dollars	6.00
To Benjamin Ashley the sum of seventy seven dollars	77.00
To Elisha Ashley the sum of forty dollars	40.00
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	\$129.00

until the first day of April next is allowed for removing timber lumber, buildings & other obstructions from the location all which is submitted

James W. Crooks & Seal } County  
Gideon Stiles & Seal } County  
Egous Shroy & Seal }

which report being read & considered is accepted and the way therein described established as a public highway & ordered to be recorded

George Beebe To the Honorable Commissioners of Highways &c of the County  
Luther Pot. for a of Hampden The undersigned petitioners do hereby represent  
Road in West- to your Honors that the present travelled road leading from  
Springfield Feeding Hills in West Springfield to West Suffield is quite circuitous  
a part of the way and in shape considerably resembles two sides  
of a triangle and also that this triangular piece of road is quite  
sandy say one third part of the way & a part of this very deep  
sand and that a new road two hundred & eighty or two hundred &  
Ninety rods in length would shorten the distance two hundred &



The aforesaid report being read & considered  
twenty five or two hundred thirty rods between this place Westfield  
Windsor & Hartford and be the means of a stage route through this place  
probably of a Northern & Southern mail which we greatly need and  
be a public convenience to travellers generally not only from this  
place but to travellers going to & from Hartford, Windsor Westfield and  
Northampton through this section of Country - Also from West-  
field to Springfield it would greatly facilitate intercourse by  
shortening the distance & improving the road for these & other reasons  
we pray your Honors that a new road or highway may be located  
leaving the old road running southerly from Feeding Hills meetinghouse  
near the house owned by Reuben Berris and running a S. E.  
westerly course to the head of the road about midway between Gilbert  
Shings and Timothy Flowers where said road turns to the S. East and  
N west from thence down said road or near it to the State line as  
your honors may decide - And in duty bound will ever pray  
West Springfield 13<sup>th</sup> May 1834 Signed George Babee & others

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County Com-  
missioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four & continued  
to the meeting holden on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord 1834  
at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet  
at the house of Theodosia Palmer in West Springfield on the twentieth  
day of November next at ten o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of  
proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after  
viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein also  
that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said  
petition by publishing a copy of said petition & this order thereon  
three weeks successively in the Hampden Journal a newspaper  
printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days  
at least before the time of said meeting - And it is further  
ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the  
Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said  
petition and this order thereon thirty days at least & post up in  
two public places in said Town an Abstract containing the  
substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time  
of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return  
hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at  
or before the time of said meeting.

William Bliss Chairman

and the aforesaid petition was further continued to the meeting of  
said Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four - And  
pursuant to the foregoing order the Sheriff made his return as follows  
"Hampden J<sup>l</sup> Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 1834 In obedience to the foregoing order of  
notice I served the Town Clerk of West Springfield with a true and  
attested copy of the petition aforesaid & order of Notice thereon by  
leaving the same at his dwellinghouse & also posted up in  
two public places in said Town an Abstract containing the  
substance of said petition

E Price Sheriff

at which last mentioned meeting the said Commissioners  
made their Report in writing as follows "Hampden J<sup>l</sup> Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 1834



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to be twenty four  
The County Commissioners of said County having given notice  
to all interested in manner as by said return of the Sheriff appears  
and also by causing a copy of said petition together with the foregoing  
order of notice thereon to be published three weeks successively in  
the Hampden Journal a Newspaper printed in said County  
the last publication being fourteen days before the time of  
meeting - met pursuant to said order & proceeded to view the  
route mentioned in said petition for a road - And after hearing  
all that chose to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition  
the said Commissioners Report that common convenience  
necessity require that a road should be laid out upon the  
foregoing petition between the termini therein mentioned  
all which is submitted

William Bliss } County  
Jed Nourse } Commissioners  
Reuben Boies Jr }

and the aforesaid report being read & considered was accepted  
and the way therein adjudged of common convenience and  
necessity and the said petition was further continued from meet-  
ing to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners  
holders on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of  
our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty five at which  
meeting it was ordered - that said Commissioners meet at the house  
of Theodosia Palmer in West Springfield on the twentieth day of August  
next at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding  
to locate according to the prayer of said petition & after locating to  
hear all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages  
Also that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in  
said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice  
of the time & place & purpose of said meeting three weeks successively  
in the Hampden Whig a Newspaper printed in said County the  
last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said  
meeting - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County  
or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an  
attested copy of said petition & this order thereon thirty days at  
least and post up in two public places in said Town an  
abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days  
at least before the time of said meeting the Sheriff or his Deputy  
will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of  
said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting -

James W. Crooks Chairman

and this petition was further continued to this meeting and  
the Sheriff pursuant to the foregoing order makes his return as  
follows "Hampden Js. July 10<sup>th</sup> 1835 Pursuant to the foregoing order  
I have served the Town Clerk of West Springfield with a true and  
attested copy of said petition & order of notice thereon by giving the  
same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Town  
an abstract containing the substance of said petition

E Rice Sheriff

and now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their  
Report in writing as follows "Hampden Js August 20<sup>th</sup> 1835



The aforesaid report being read & considered by the County Commissioners of said County having given Notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner as by the foregoing return of the Sheriff appears and also by causing an abstract containing the substance of said petition together with a notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting in conformity with the foregoing order to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication being fourteen days before the time of meeting - met at the time & place in said order mentioned and proceeded to lay out & establish a highway upon said petition as follows (viz) Beginning at a stone & stones on the line of the State of Connecticut about forty rods Northwesterly of Wells Taylors dwelling house and run N. 21° E. 60 rods on said Taylors west line to a ditch then N. 35° E. 17 rods 11 links on land of George W. Hastings, thence same course on land of Ebenezer Flower Sixty six rods to the side hill a few feet south of the brook then same course on land of Rev. Jonathan L. Pomroy 52 rods to a stone in line of the fence, thence same course on land of Elijah Lathrop 63 rods to a stone in line of the fence, thence same course on land of Widow Margaret Lathrop 51 1/2 rods to a stone in line of the fence - thence same course on land of Frederick Haren 44 rods to a stone in his division fence on the top of the hill - thence N. 34° E. 31 rods on said Harens land to land of Reuben Bernis thence on the last mentioned course on land of said Bernis two rods to the Highway a few rods Southerly of said Bernis dwelling house said road is laid from Connecticut line to the North line of said Pomroys land four rods wide & the line run is the Northwesterly side thereof - and is the line above described being the left hand limits, and from said Pomroys North line said road is laid three rods wide and is laid upon & over lands of Wells Taylor George W. Hastings, Ebenezer Flower, Jonathan L. Pomroy, Elijah Lathrop, Widow Margaret Lathrop Frederick Haren & Reuben Bernis, the said Elijah Lathrops land is held in trust for him by Spencer Flower, Roland Burdett & Harvey Root - And after hearing all persons & corporations who chose to be heard upon the subject of damages we assessed & allowed damages as follows (viz) To Wells Taylor <sup>the sum of</sup> Nine Dollars \$9.00  
To George W. Hastings the sum of three dollars 3.00  
To Ebenezer Flower " Nine Dollars 9.00  
To Elijah Lathrops trustees " Fifty Dollars 50.00  
To Widow Margaret Lathrop " Forty five dollars - 45.00  
To Jonathan L. Pomroy " Fifty five Dollars - 55.00  
To Frederick Haren " Eighty five Dollars 85.00  
To Reuben Bernis " one Dollar 1.00  
\$257.00

Until the first day of April next is allowed to remove timber, trees and other obstructions from the location of said road - The broad bed path of said road is to be twenty feet wide exclusive of the ditches and the ground is to be broken at least thirty feet wide - stumps & stones to be removed before working the road - all bridges & sluices to be twenty feet wide and to be built whenever they may be necessary upon the location - the bridges & sluices to be built of stone if practicable and well covered with earth - otherwise to be built of good substantial



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to be twenty feet wide  
logs or timber well raised up & covered with three inch plank  
the road over Pomeroy's Swamp or Meadow land is to be raised by hauling  
down the hills South & North of it or otherwise raised & thrown up in  
such manner that it shall be hard, dry & permanent - all hills and  
knolls are to be properly reduced and low & wet places thrown up &  
raised - suitable railing is to be placed wherever it may be necessary  
for the safety of the traveller - in these & all other respects said road  
is to be constructed in a workmanlike & substantial manner  
and to be completed to the acceptance of the County Commissioners  
on or before the first day of September A.D. 1836 all which is submitted

James W. Crooks } County  
Gideon Stiles } Commissioners  
Cyrus Knox }

which report being read & considered is accepted and the way  
therein described established as & for a public highway & ordered to  
be recorded )

Benj<sup>n</sup> Ashley  
& others Pet<sup>r</sup> for  
a Road in  
West Springfield  
& Springfield

To the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
Respectfully represent the Subscribers Inhabitants of said County  
that a public ferry having been established across Connecticut  
River below the mouth of Chicopee River the public convenience  
and necessity require that a County road should be laid out from  
the East shore of Connecticut River at a point convenient for said  
ferry & extending Easterly to intersect some public road now  
opened on the East side of said River at or near Cabotville -  
Also that the road be laid out from the said ferry on the West  
side of Connecticut River westerly to some convenient point  
to intersect the road at Bushy Notch road (so called) they therefore  
pray that such a road may be laid & established Accordingly -

Dec<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1834 (Signed) Benjamin Ashley & others

The aforesaid petition was entered at the Meeting of the County  
Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday  
of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred  
and thirty four and continued from meeting to meeting to  
the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County  
on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred & thirty five - at which meeting it was ordered  
that said Commissioners meet at the house of Gardner Kimball  
in Springfield on the nineteenth day of August next at Nine  
O'Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view said  
route and hearing all persons interested and to locate according  
to the prayer of said petition and after locating to hear all persons  
and corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also  
that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said  
petition by publishing a copy of said petition and a notice of  
the time and place & purpose of said Meeting three weeks  
successively in the Republican & Journal & News paper published  
in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least  
before the time of said meeting - And it is further ordered  
that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town  
Clerks of Springfield & West Springfield each with an attested copy



The aforesaid report being read & considered  
of said petition & this order thereon thirty days at least and posted up in two  
public places in said Springfield & West Springfield each an abstract contain-  
-ing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the  
time of said meeting - the Sheriff or his Deputy will make return  
hereof with his doings to Gideon Stiles Esq. one of said Commissioners  
at or before the time of said meeting James W. Crook's Chairman  
and the aforesaid petition was further continued to this meeting and  
the Sheriff pursuant to the foregoing order makes his return as follows  
Hampden Co. July 18<sup>th</sup> 1835 Pursuant to the foregoing order I have  
served the Town Clerks of Springfield & West Springfield each with  
a true & attested copy of said petition & order of notice thereon by giving  
the same to them and also posted up in two public places in each  
of said Towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition  
G Rice Sheriff

and now at this meeting the County Commissioners make  
this Report in writing as follows - "Hampden Co. Aug<sup>19</sup> 1835  
The County Commissioners of said County having given notice  
to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition  
in manner as set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff and also  
by causing a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of  
notice stating the time place & purpose of the meeting to be published  
three weeks successively in The Republican & Journal a Newspaper  
printed in said County the last publication thereof being fourteen  
days previous to the said time of meeting in conformity with  
said order of notice - two of said Commissioners (viz) Gideon  
Stiles Esq. & Cyrus Knox Esq. met at the time & place mentioned  
in said order but James W. Crook Esq. the other standing Com-  
-missioner being an Inhabitant of & residing in the Town of Springfield  
where part of the road prayed for in said petition is situate and  
therefore being unable and disqualified by law to act in the premises  
the said Commissioners present then & there summoned & gave  
notice to Lucius Wright Esq. one of the Special Commissioners  
of said County to appear & act upon the said petition in the room  
of said Crook; And the said Wright appearing upon such summons  
and notice with the standing Commissioners present as aforesaid  
constituting a board proceeded to view the several routes in said petition  
mentioned - After viewing said routes and hearing all persons & corporations  
interested and who chose to be heard in the premises the <sup>said</sup> Board of Com-  
-missioners thus constituted were of opinion and accordingly adjudged  
that common convenience & necessity require that a road should  
be laid from Ahleys Ferry on the East side of Connecticut River to  
the old County road South of & near the dwelling house formerly  
owned & occupied by William Chapin - Whereupon the said Commissioners  
after the view, hearing & adjudication aforesaid then & there proceeded  
to lay out a highway & establish the same as follows (viz) Beginning  
at a stake & stones on the South side of the brook and near the S. W. corner  
of Prud Vanhorn lot and run N. 13° 10' S. 4 rods 13 links to a butternut  
tree marked standing 13 links North of said Vanhorns fence thence  
W. 5° N. 29 rods 16 links to a butternut tree marked standing two rods &  
eight links North of Vanhorns fence there is a stake near the centre



to be twenty links. of the last course standing about one rod North of Vanhorn's fence thence  $N. 41^{\circ} 10'$  North 4 rods 19 links to a stone & stones; the road thence for to be three rods wide; the line run being on the South or left hand side of the location; and one rod in width on the North side of the above limits is to be & allowed for the purpose of digging & removing earth & gravel at all times to make & repair the road here laid, the said road to be worked & made on the lower or South side of said limits thence from the last mentioned stone & stones running  $N. 29^{\circ} 50'$  2 rods to a stone & stones thence  $S. 33^{\circ} 50'$   $N. 7$  rods to a stone & stones opposite a walnut tree. the road to be three rods wide to this station and the line run on the left hand limits thence running on the last mentioned course 20 rods 13 links to Connecticut River thence from the last named stone & stones  $N. 31^{\circ} N.$  three rods to a walnut tree standing on the westerly side of the road; thence  $N. 40^{\circ} 35'$   $S.$  to Connecticut River and from the Walnut tree to the river to include all the land for highway & landing place which is embraced within the above lines - (said road is laid upon and over lands of Reed Vanhorn and the Springfield canal company) - And after hearing all persons & corporations interested and who chose to be heard upon the subject of damages we assessed & allowed damages as follows (viz) To Reed Vanhorn the sum of Fifteen Dollars - the Springfield Canal Company by their agent John Chase Esq. relinquished all claim to damages as well for land taken for said road as for the right and privilege above allowed & reserved of taking, digging & removing earth & gravel for the purpose above mentioned Six months are allowed for removing timber trees & other obstructions and said road is to be finished & completed in a substantial and workmanlike manner to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of June next -

In the construction of said road the following particulars are to be observed - the travel path is to be full twenty feet wide exclusive of good & sufficient ditches with good & substantial stone bridges & sluices of the same width wherever they may be necessary, ditches, bridges, mounds, sluices, & watercourses are to be placed with skill & care & properly constructed in all places where the security of the road or ease in travelling may require them - The brook from the old County road is to be turned quite to the South side of the road till it shall be necessary to turn it across the road & around the hill or high point of land projecting <sup>eastwardly</sup> northward of a large walnut tree - a good & permanent embankment or wharfing of stone or substantial logs & timber is to be constructed on the south side of the road next to the brook and well secured against the action of water - The hill or high ground east of the River to be hauled down & used in raising the road in low places and the entire road from the River to be so constructed that the ascent may be gradual & easy to the old road - In all other respects the road is to be constructed in a good, substantial & workmanlike manner, properly bordered & raised in low places that it may be



The aforesaid report being read & considered  
safe, easy & convenient for travel - all which is submitted

Gideon Stiles & Seal } County  
Cyrus Knox & Seal } Commissioners  
Levius Wright & Seal - Springfield

which report being read & considered is accepted & the way therein  
established as for a public highway -

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire -  
Humbly shew the subscribers Inhabitants of Ludlow & Springfield in said County of Hampshire and Granby in the County of Hampshire that the discontinuance  
public convenience & necessity require that a road heretofore laid out of a Road and  
and established by the County Commissioners for said County of Hampshire for a new road  
- den on the petition of Nathaniel B. Mosely & others as by an order in Springfield  
and adjudication of said Commissioners on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1833 & Ludlow  
will appear should be discontinued in part or the whole and such alter-  
- ations made in the premises as the Common convenience & public  
good may require and your petitioners refer to the Petition of said Mosely  
and the doings had thereon by your Honorable body for a road from  
Easterly part of Granby to or near the Quabbin Road so called. And  
your petitioners pray the County Commissioners to lay out & establish a new  
road from the Granby line near the house of Lewis Robinson to near the  
house of Oliver Chapin in Springfield or to such other point on the  
new Granby road so called & Northeastly of said Chapins house as in  
your opinion the public convenience may require - Your petitioners  
believe that a shorter & better road might be made from said Granby line  
to Chispee Factory Village by running on a Course Easterly of the road  
laid out on said Moselys petition - Your petitioners also request the  
County Commissioners to lay out & establish a road from another point  
on the Granby line near the house of Amos Kendall to the road laid out  
on said Moselys petition or to such other road as your body may  
lay out or alter as prayed for above in the first part of this petition  
And your petitioners pray that the County Commissioners would  
view the premises lay out & establish the said roads in such way  
and manner and on such courses as will best promote the public  
convenience and to discontinue such parts of the first mentioned  
road as may be necessary therefor or to lay out one or both of the  
above roads prayed for as the public convenience may require  
April 9<sup>th</sup> 1835

Signed Abbel Burr & others

The aforesaid petition was entered at the meeting of the County Com-  
- missioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April  
last past and continued to the meeting of said County Commissioners  
held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June last past at which  
meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of  
E. & E. Adams in Springfield on the seventh day of September next at  
nine O'Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view said  
Route & to hear all persons interested therein and to locate according  
to the prayer of said petition if it should be so adjudged and after locating  
to hear all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages  
also that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said  
petition by publishing a copy of said petition and a notice of the time



and place & purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the  
Hampden Whig a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication  
to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting and it is further  
ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk  
of Springfield & Ludlow each with an attested copy of said petition and this  
order thereon thirty days at least & post up in two public places in  
said towns respectively an abstract containing the substance of said  
petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting -  
The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings  
to Cyrus Shoop Esq one of said Commissioners at or before the time  
of said meeting

James W. Crooks Chairman

and this petition was further continued to this meeting - and  
pursuant to the foregoing order the <sup>Deputy</sup> Sheriff makes his return as follows  
"Hampden Sept 6<sup>th</sup> August 1835 In obedience to the foregoing order I  
served the Town Clerk of Springfield with a true & attested copy of the  
~~same~~ petition of said order of notice thereon by giving the same  
to him and also served the Town Clerk of Ludlow with a true and  
attested copy of the petition of said order of notice thereon by  
leaving the same at his dwellinghouse and also posted up abstracts  
containing the substance of said petition in two public places in  
each of said towns - William H. Foster Deputy Sheriff -

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their  
report in writing as follows: Hampden Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1835 The County  
Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons  
and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner as set forth  
in the foregoing return of the Deputy Sheriff and also having caused  
a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of notice  
stating the time place & purpose of the meeting to be published  
three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig a Newspaper  
published & printed in said County the last publication thereof being  
at least fourteen days previous to the said time of meeting in conformity  
with the said order of notice, two of said Commissioners (viz) Gideon  
Stiles Esq & Cyrus Shoop Esq met at the time & place mentioned in  
the said order of notice but James W. Crooks the other standing  
Commissioner being an Inhabitant of & residing in the Town of  
Springfield where a part of the road prayed for in said petition is  
situated & therefore being unable & disqualified by law to be in the  
premises the said Commissioners then & there present summoned &  
gave notice to Linus Bagg Esq one of the Special Commissioners  
of said County to appear & act upon the said petition in the room  
and stead of the said Crooks - And the said Bagg appearing upon  
such summons & notice with the standing Commissioners present  
as aforesaid constituting a board proceeded to view the several  
routes in said petition mentioned - After viewing said routes  
and hearing all persons & Corporations interested and who chose  
to be heard in the premises the said board of Commissioners thus  
constituted were of opinion and accordingly adjudged that  
common convenience & necessity require that a new road  
should be laid a part of the way and certain alterations made  
in the old road from near the house of Amos Shendall in or



The aforesaid report being read & considered in a Southwesterly direction to intersect the road heretofore located on the petition of N. B. Mosley & others and that no alterations be made in the location on said Mosley's petition as prayed for in the first part of the foregoing petition. Whereupon the said Commissioners after the view, hearing & adjudication aforesaid then & there proceeded to lay out a new highway & make certain alterations in a way & established the same as follows (viz) Beginning at a yellow pine tree marked standing on or near land of Eleazer Wright at the angle of the road heretofore laid out on said Mosley's petition on the S. E. side of the slough so called and run thence N. 38° E. 200 rods ten links to a stone & stones on the bank near Jacob Taylor's barn thence N. 47° E. 7 rods 16 links to a stone & stones thence N. 63° E. 31 1/2 rods to a stone & stones by the fence <sup>thence N 65° E 91 rods to the S E corner of Ashbel Burr's dwelling house</sup> thence N. 53° E. 92 to a stone & stones by Amos Mendell's barpost thence N. 58° E. 64 to the highway leading from Ludlow City so called to Granby & near the dwelling house of said Mendell - said road is laid three rods wide and the line run is the Westerly or left hand limits of the location and after hearing all persons & corporations interested and who chose to be heard upon the subject of damages we assessed & allowed damages as follows said road is laid upon & over lands belonging to Asa Stacy, Erastus Nash Thomas H. Moody, Eli Warner, Porter Tilley, Jacob Taylor, Ashbel Burr and Amos Mendell - (viz) To Asa Stacy the sum of four dollars \$4.00

To Erastus Nash the sum of five dollars	5.00
To Thomas H. Moody " Fifteen Dollars	15.00
To Eli Warner " Thirteen Dollars	13.00
To Porter Tilley " One Dollar	1.00
To Jacob Taylor " Ten Dollars	10.00
To Ashbel Burr " Forty Dollars	40.00
To Amos Mendell " Sixty three Dollars	63.00

Six months are allowed for removing timber, trees and other obstructions and said road is to be completed and finished, in a substantial & workmanlike manner on or before the first day of October 1836 to the acceptance of the County Commissioners -

In the construction of said road the ground is to be broken full thirty feet wide and the travel path to be twenty feet wide exclusive of the ditches; all stumps & stones to be removed before working the road; Bridges & sluices to be twenty feet wide and built wherever necessary - the bridge near Jacob Taylor's to be at least three feet higher than the present one - to be twenty feet wide with substantial abutments of stone or timber and good & sufficient railing - the hills on each side of the brook to be hauled down & properly hardened upon the travel path - the road near Cap. Burr's house to be worked in such manner as not to injure the trees on either side of the road unless necessary for the width thereof - the entire road to be well thrown up and in all respects to be finished & completed in a substantial and workmanlike manner - all which is submitted

Gideon Miles & Seal } County  
 Cyrus Annap & Seal } Commissioners  
 Simon Bagg & Seal Special Commissioners

which report being read & considered is accepted & the way therein described established as & for a public highway



Roswell King to be holden at Springfield within & for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1835

The subscribers would respectfully represent that the road in the Town of Westfield leading from West Springfield line near Morley's Bridge to the County Bridge in the Town of Westfield as the same is now established is crooked & may easily be altered with a very little expense & much for the advantage of the public & of individuals - They would further represent that in the highway leading from Morley's Bridge to Feeding Hills in West Springfield through the back street so called there is a short distance soon after rising the hill south of the Bridge in which no road has been established to connect with the old back street road. They would also further represent that the road lately laid out leading from Pease's Mill so called in Westfield to Longyard so called in Southwick is laid so as to be very inconvenient for the inhabitants living near the road and may be altered so as to accommodate them with very little expense. They therefore pray that the alterations in the highways in the town of Westfield as above prayed for may be made and that the new road in West Springfield may be laid and established - June 16<sup>th</sup> 1835 (Signed) Roswell King & others

The aforesaid petition was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June last past at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Roswell King in Westfield on the twenty first day of August next at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view said routes & to hear all parties interested and to locate according to the prayer of said petition if it shall be so adjudged and after locating to hear all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and a notice of the time & place & purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be four times at least before the time of said meeting - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerks of West Springfield & Westfield each with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said towns respectively an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks Chairman

and the said petition was continued to this meeting and the Sheriff pursuant to the foregoing order makes his return as follows "Hampden, July 10<sup>th</sup> 1835 Pursuant to the foregoing order I served the Town Clerks of West Springfield & Westfield each with a true and attested copy of said petition & order of notice thereon by giving the same to them and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition. C. Price Sheriff



The aforesaid report being read & considered  
and now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their report  
in writing as follows "Hampden, Aug. 21. 1835 The County Com-  
missioners of said County having given notice to all persons & corporations  
interested in the foregoing petition as by the above return of the Sheriff  
appears and having also caused a copy of said petition together with the  
foregoing order of Notice to be published three weeks successively in the  
Hampden Whig a Newspaper printed in said County the last publi-  
cation being fourteen days at least previous to the said time of Meeting  
met in conformity with said order of Notice at the time & place therein  
mentioned and proceeded to view the several routes in said petition  
mentioned - After viewing said routes & hearing all persons and  
corporations interested and who chose to be heard in the premises the  
said Commissioners were of opinion and accordingly adjudged that Com-  
mon convenience & necessity require that a new road should be  
laid from the top of the hill south of Morley's Bridge to Feeding hills  
back street road and that no alterations be made in the roads or  
highways already laid out and established as prayed for in said  
petition - Whereupon the said Commissioners after the view hearing  
and adjudication aforesaid proceeded to lay out a highway & establish  
the same as follows "(viz) Beginning at a stake & stones standing on the  
Southeast side of the old Feeding hills back street road and near the  
North end of said street & run N. 1° W. 15 rods 11 links to two young  
chestnut trees marked, thence on the same course crossing the road that  
leads from Peases Mills to the road leading from the toll Bridge to Feeding hills  
Meetinghouse said road is laid three rods wide and the line run  
is on the Southeastern limits or right hand side thereof and the same is  
laid upon & over lands of Henry Loomis & Sylvanus G. Morley - And  
after hearing all persons & corporations interested & who chose to be  
heard upon the subject of damages - and the said Loomis & Morley  
then & there present & claiming no damages but relinquishing  
all claim thereto and no other person or corporation being injured  
by the laying of said road we accordingly assessed & allowed no  
damages the said road having been properly made constructed &  
finished the same is hereby established & accepted as such all which  
is submitted

James W. Crocker & Seal } County  
Gideon Stiles & Seal } Commissioners  
Cyrus Knop & Seal }

which report being read & considered is accepted & the way therein  
described established as for a public highway

To the Honorable County Commissioners within & for the County of Worcester and  
Hampden, The undersigned being a Committee in behalf of the Stafford Turnpike  
Worcester & Stafford Turnpike Corporation Represent that their Corp<sup>y</sup> Pet<sup>n</sup> for a  
Turnpike Road as it is now located passes over many large hills Road in Holland  
and in the opinion of the said Corporation great improvement may & shall  
be made in this particular - they therefore voted at their annual  
meeting on the twenty seventh day of January last to discontinue  
said road and petition the County Commissioners for the Counties  
of Worcester & Hampden to locate a County road over & near said  
Turnpike &c - Also voted the undersigned as their Committee

Samuel Barnard



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to cause said vote to be carried into effect &c as will appear by the other papers accompanying this - The undersigned would further represent that that part of said Turnpike Road which lies within the County of Hampden commences at the line between the Towns of Sturbridge & Holland near the house of William Lombard in said Sturbridge then passing through the centre of the Town of Holland to the east line of the Town of Wales thence through the Southeast corner of said Town of Wales to the line of Stafford in Connecticut terminating near the house of Othniel Brown in said Stafford - We therefore request your Honors to attend to viewing and locating said road as soon as in your opinions it may be expedient consistently with your own convenience and as in duty bound will ever pray

Hiram Wheelock } Committee of the  
Alvan Allen } W. & S. Turnpike  
Corporation

The aforesaid petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners will meet at the House of Baxter Woods in Holland on the third day of June next at Eleven O. Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerks of Holland & Wales each with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Towns respectively an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with your doings to Joel Norcross Esqr one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

William Bliss Chairman

and the aforesaid petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of said Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty five and pursuant to the foregoing order the Deputy Sheriff made his return as follows  
Hampden ss. May 3. 1834 Pursuant of the above order I have served each of the Town Clerks of Holland & Wales with an attested copy of this petition & order thereon and have posted up an abstract containing the substance of said petition in two public places in each of the Towns of Wales & Holland

Abel Calhoun D. Sheriff

at which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners made their report in writing as follows "Hampden ss. June 3. 1834. - The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested as by the foregoing return of the Deputy Sheriff appears and also by causing a copy of said petition and a notice of the time place & purpose of the meeting



The aforesaid report being read & considered  
to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a  
newspaper printed in said County the last publication being fourteen  
days previous to the time of meeting met pursuant to said order and  
there being one vacancy in the board by reason of the absence of Reuben  
Baies Jun<sup>r</sup> - Robert Emery Special Commissioner having been summoned  
appeared to act in the room of said Baies - And the County Commissioners  
thus met proceeded to view the route proposed for a Road & the Turnpike  
mentioned in said petition - And now after hearing all persons &  
corporations interested we report that common convenience & necessity  
require that a new road should be laid out over or upon or near  
the line of the said Turnpike - All which is submitted

William Bliss } County Com<sup>rs</sup>  
Joel Norcross }  
Robert Emery Special Commissioner

which report being read & considered is accepted & the way adjudged  
of Common convenience & necessity  
and this petition was further continued to the Meeting of the County  
Commissioners held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June last  
past at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet  
at the house of Baxter Wood in Holland on the twenty fourth day of  
August next at Eleven O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of  
proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and after  
locating to hear all persons & corporations interested ~~in said petition~~ upon  
the subject of damages - Also, that notice be given to all persons  
and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an  
abstract of said petition and a notice of the time place & purpose of  
said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig a  
newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen  
days at least before the time of said meeting - And it is further  
ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the  
Town Clerks of Holland & Wales each with an attested copy of said  
petition and this order thron thirty days at least and post up in  
two public places in said Towns respectively an abstract containing  
the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the  
time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make  
return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners  
at or before the time of said meeting

James W. Crooks Chairman  
and this petition was further continued to this meeting - And  
pursuant to the foregoing order the Deputy Sheriff makes his return as  
follows "Hampden Co. July 24<sup>th</sup> 1835 Pursuant to the within order I  
have served the Town Clerks of Wales & Holland each with a true  
and attested copy of the petition aforesaid & order of notice thereon  
and also posted up in two public places in each of said Towns an  
abstract containing the substance of said petition

~~and a true and attested copy~~  
James Brown Dep. Sheriff  
and now at this meeting the County Commissioners wrote their  
report in writing as follows "Hampden Co. August 24<sup>th</sup> 1835  
The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden having  
given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing



petition in manner as by the foregoing return of the Deputy Sheriff appears, and also by causing an abstract containing the substance of said petition together with a notice of the time place & purpose of the meeting in conformity to the foregoing to be published three weeks successively in the Hampshire Whig a newspaper printed in said County the last publication being at least fourteen days before the time of meeting, met at the time & place in said order mentioned and proceeded to lay out & establish a highway upon said petition as follows (viz) Beginning on the line of the Town of Sturbridge near the dwelling house of William Lombard and run S. 51° W. 15 rods thence S. 67½° W. 54 rods S. 51½° W. 34 rods S. 50° W. 34 rods S. 45° W. 66 rods S. 38½° W. 24 rods S. 49° W. 70 rods S. 47° W. 132 rods S. 71° W. 41 rods S. 56½° W. 18 rods - S. 62° W. 75 rods - W. 2½° N. 225 rods W. 1° S. 38 rods - S. 40° W. 72 rods S. 45½° W. 26 rods S. 54° W. 84 rods - S. 62° W. 60 rods S. 67½° W. 44 rods - S. 52° W. 42 rods - S. 67½° W. 44 rods S. 42½° W. 40 rods - S. 35½° W. 88 rods S. 32° W. 25 rods - S. 60° W. 20 rods S. 49° W. 174 rods S. 40° W. 90 rods - S. 48° W. 49 rods - S. 40° W. 34 rods and then S. 16° W. 57 rods to the line of the Town of Stafford in the State of Connecticut - said road is laid four rods wide and the line run is in the centre of the location - the present travelled path being within the limits of the road as located and is all that part of the Worcester & Stafford Turnpike that lies within the County of Hampshire extending from near the house of said Lombard to near the house of Othniel Brown in said Stafford - and so the said Commissioners have laid out and established so much of the Worcester & Stafford Turnpike so called lying between the termini aforesaid as a public highway and as such highway is hereby accepted - said road is laid upon & over no other lands except such as belong to the said Turnpike Corporation - after hearing all persons & corporations interested who chose to be heard in the premises upon the subject of damages and no person or corporation being injured by said location and no damages claimed none were offered or allowed - all which is submitted

James W. Crocker & Seal  
Gideon Stiles & Seal } County  
Cyrus Knox & Seal } Commissioners

which report being read & considered is accepted and the way established as & for a public highway

John Harwood To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire at their  
dothen Pet for meeting April 14<sup>th</sup> 1835

leave to erect a fountain upon money for conducting water for supplying a marble fountain  
Courthouse provided by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> James Byers and the Court Square is  
so called considered the most suitable place for the location of said fountain  
Your petitioners therefore pray that permission be granted for the  
erection & maintenance of said fountain on the Court square  
and for suitable drains, fixtures & appurtenances thereto and an  
appropriation be <sup>made for</sup> fixing draining levelling & ornamenting the County Ground



The aforesaid report being read & considered by  
John Howard, Elisha Edwards, Jonathan Dwight Jr. Theodore Bliss, R. A. Chapman  
George Dwight - The aforesaid petition was entered at the meeting of  
the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second  
Tuesday of April last past ~~at which~~ <sup>at which</sup> meeting ~~and now~~  
it was ordered that permission be granted to erect & maintain a fountain  
in the Court Square & to make & construct suitable aqueducts, drains  
and the necessary appurtenances & wells and the further consideration  
of said petition is deferred till the June Meeting of the County  
Commissioners - It is also ordered that the Committee charged with  
the care of Court Square be authorised to make such allowance  
to such person or persons as may have any rights in the grove  
upon said Square and to make such further arrangements with  
such person or persons as said committee may deem best - and  
this petition was further continued from the June meeting to this meeting  
and now it is ordered upon said petition that there be paid out of the  
County Treasury the sum of One hundred Dollars to the Chairman of  
the County Commissioners to be by him paid to the Committee of such  
persons as have had the charge of improving Court Square -

David Paine on the first day of this meeting handed in to the County Commissioners his resignation as County Treasurer of the County of Hampden which is on file D. Paine's  
resignation

The Office of County Treasurer for the County of Hampden County Treas.  
Chosen.  
having become vacant by the resignation of David Paine -  
The County Commissioners agreeable to the statute in such case  
made & provided on the second day of said meeting proceeded to  
elect by ballot a person as Treasurer to supply the said vacancy for  
the remainder of the year and until some other person shall  
be chosen and qualified in his stead and the ballots being counted  
and sorted the whole number being three it appears that George Colton  
Esq. has two votes and declared to be chosen - who appears and  
accepts said office and has given bond to the acceptance of said  
County Commissioners and is sworn to the faithful discharge  
of said trust -

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
of Hampden - We your petitioners would humbly shew that Wilbraham  
the late board of Commissioners for said County did lay & locate a road in the Northwest corner of Wilbraham the 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1834  
commencing near Pits Bridge so called then East until it intersects Boston Road and whereas said Commissioners did not in their report award that said County should pay any part of the expense of making said road we therefore would pray that your Honor-  
able Body would defray such part of said expense to the County as you  
shall think reasonable as in duty bound shall ever pray  
Wilbraham 23 June 1835,

Stephen Robbins } Selectmen  
Walter Robbins } Wilbraham

The aforesaid petition was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June last past &  
continued to this meeting and now it is ordered that said Petition be dismissed



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Licenses

Luther B. Bliss Pet. on file to be licensed as a Retailer in Wilbroham.  
prayer of petition granted

David M. Moore Pet. to be licensed as retailer in Springfield, on file  
prayer of petition granted

Emelius Bond is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Palmer in  
the store ~~now~~ now occupied by him

Charles Dawsey of Westfield approbation to be licensed as a retailer (not granted)  
William Bryant & Christopher Bliss under the firm of Bryant and  
Bliss are licensed as Retailers in the Town of Springfield at the  
store now occupied by them at the corner of Main & Elm streets  
for the remainder of the year

Henry Glover is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Wilbroham  
at his store in the North Parish of Wilbroham

Accounts

The following accounts against the County were preferred & and  
allowed by the County Commissioners & ordered to be paid out of the  
County Treasury

William Price for making an Index for grants	\$200.00
Stearns & Jewett for Records & scanning	6.44
Simon Sanborn for saw horse, work, nails, use of plank	3.33
David Paine Copy of annual Settlement of Towns Out	2.50
James W. Crooks Court paid Alvin James dole p <sup>r</sup> bill	4.25
William Hunt Bill of work	8.75
Ealie Price serving order of Notary p <sup>r</sup> bill	17.24
Josiah Johnson serving Road	1.50
Lewis Briggs 26 <sup>c</sup> advertising Petitions & abstracts	5.12
Asa Hogg for wood p <sup>r</sup> bill	11.25
Amosa Parsons work Northside 6 <sup>c</sup> house dep <sup>r</sup> bill	17.50
	<u>\$277.00</u>

Hampden Co. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 1835 All matters not acted upon are  
ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned  
without day

attest John Ingersoll Clerk



The aforesaid report being read & considered  
 In conformity to a Resolve of the General Court passed March 23<sup>d</sup> 1836  
 granting a tax of Seven thousand Dollars for the County of Hampden County  
 the same is apportioned upon the Several Towns in said County to 1836  
 in manner following viz -

Blandford	\$359.23.2
Brimfield	411.41.0
Chester	254.07.3
Granville	313.07.2
Holland	94.32.5
Ludlow	299.02.5
Longmeadow	317.00.7
Montgomery	100.34.5
Monson	493.69.3
Palmer	272.93.6
Russell	90.31.1
Southwick	282.97.0
Springfield	1629.58.6
Tolland	142.48.0
West Springfield	806.76.5
Westfield	606.07.0
Wales	134.46.2
Wilbraham	391.34.2
	<hr/> 7000.00.00

and warrants have issued dated April 4<sup>th</sup> 1836 directed  
 to the Selectmen or Assessors of the Several Towns in said  
 County directing them to assess the same upon the Inhabitants  
 of their respective Towns and requiring their respective  
 Constables or Collectors to collect & pay the same to George  
 Colton Esqr County Treasurer his Successor or order  
 by the fifteenth day of September next ensuing or the  
 law directs



## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun & holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December being the twenty second day of said Month in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred & thirty five and from day to day to the 25<sup>th</sup> day of said month.

By James W. Crooks Esq<sup>r</sup> Chairman  
 Gideon Stiles Esq<sup>r</sup> County  
 Cyrus Knox Esq<sup>r</sup> Commissioners.

Linus Blair & the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, and others The subscribers respectfully represent, that the public necessity & convenience require that a few alterations be made in the road running from Blandford meeting house, West to Otis line, being the Barrington road, so called. They therefore pray the Commissioners would view the proposed route, & if they see fit, locate & establish the same as a public highway, and discontinue such parts as may appear necessary. Blandford Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> 1833. (Signed)

Linus Blair & 25 others.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County at Springfield on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1835. On the petition aforesaid heretofore entered and a view had thereon, the County Commissioners deeming a new view of the premises expedient & proper it is therefore ordered that said Commissioners meet at Days Hotel in Blandford on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November next at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of procuring to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating to hear at said place of meeting all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also ordered that notice be given to all persons or corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy serve the town Clerk of Blandford with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, - and post up in two public places in said town a copy or an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting.



The aforesaid report being read & considered  
The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof with his  
doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or  
before the time of said meeting.

James M. Crooks Chairman

And pursuant to the foregoing order William H. Foster  
Deputy Sheriff makes his return as follows.—  
Hampden ss. Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1835 in obedience to the fore-  
going order I served the Town Clerk of Blandford  
with a true & attested copy of the Petition aforesaid  
& order of Notice thereon by giving the same to him  
in person & also posted up copies of the same  
in two public places in said town.

William H. Foster D. Sheriff

Hampden ss. November 19<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1835. On the fore-  
going petition heretofore entered & a view had thereon,  
the County Commissioners having deemed a new  
view of the premises proper & expedient & having given  
notice to all persons & corporations interested in said  
petition according to the foregoing order of notice in  
manner as set forth in the foregoing return of  
the Deputy Sheriff and also caused a copy of  
said petition & order of notice thereon stating  
the time, place, & purpose of the meeting to be  
published three weeks successively in the Hampden  
Whig a newspaper printed in said County the  
last publication being at least fourteen days previous  
to the time of said meeting & the said several notices  
having been duly given according to the provisions  
of law in that behalf met at the time & place  
in said order of notice mentioned & proceeded to view  
the route & alterations prayed in said petition.—  
The town of Blandford by their select men sundry of  
the petitioners & other persons interested, appeared &  
were heard in the premises; and after having viewed  
the said route & after having heard all persons and  
Corporations who chose to be heard in the premises  
upon due consideration the County Commissioners  
for said County adjudged that in their opinion  
common convenience & necessity required that certain  
alterations should be made in the road as now  
travelled called the Barrington road, between the foot  
of Granger's or Bartlett's hill & Charles Gibbs orchard  
by widening the road & reducing the elevation and  
degree of ascent & that no alteration here be made  
in the location of the travelled path except at the  
ledges & turn of the road where the travelled path  
is to be constructed for a few rods, northwesterly  
of the present narrow pass through the ledges; and  
also that certain other alterations be made by a  
new location a considerable part of the way



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between the dwelling house of Reuben Boise son of Esq. near the Easterly end of said road near the meeting house, and its intersection with other roads; and also that such parts of the old road as may be unnecessary by reason of said new location be discontinued whenever said alterations shall be made and said road marked & completed upon said new location; and so the Commissioners aforesaid report accordingly. Whereupon the said County Commissioners, after the view by them had & the hearing & adjudication aforesaid, gave notice to all persons & corporations then and there present that they should proceed to layout & establish certain alterations in the way or road as prayed for in said petition, and accordingly laid out & established the same as follows: viz. -

Beginning at a stake & stones in the fence on land of Reuben Boise son & easterly of his house on the southerly side of the road as now travelled & run thence N.  $63\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 30 rods to a Beech tree marked; thence N.  $80^{\circ}$  E. 20 rods to an ash marked; thence N.  $79^{\circ}$  E. 13 rods to a stake & stones; thence S.  $89\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E.  $8\frac{1}{2}$  rods to a stake & stones; thence S.  $78^{\circ}$  E. 10 rods to a stake & stones; thence S.  $53\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 11 rods 5 links to a Black Oak marked; thence S.  $61\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 18 rods to a Butternut marked opposite the saw mill, thus far on land of said Boise, Daniel Hargis & John G. & Samuel Wilson. thence N.  $86\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E. crossing the brook 9 rods to crooked black oak on land of John G. & Samuel Wilson, then S.  $67\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 38 rods to a stake & stones; then N.  $73^{\circ}$  E. 6 rods to a stake & stones; thence N.  $49^{\circ}$  E. 13 rods to a stake & stones thence N.  $44\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 6 rods to a stake & stones; then N.  $21^{\circ}$  E. 4 rods to the northerly line of said Wilson's land on the road then N.  $21^{\circ}$  E. 4 rods crossing the road to pine on the southerly line of Ashbel Mitchell's land; then on said Mitchell's land N.  $41\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 32 rods to a pine marked on the northerly side of the old road; thence mostly on the old road N.  $62\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 34 rods to a hemlock stump across the brook on land of Selden Storv; then N.  $79^{\circ}$  E. 18 rods to a hemlock stump a little south of the old road, then S.  $84^{\circ}$  E.  $11\frac{1}{2}$  rods to a rock, then S.  $77^{\circ}$  E.  $7\frac{1}{2}$  rods to a stake & stones by the south side of the old road at the corner of a pasture; - then S.  $57\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 16 rods to a small maple marked; - then S.  $45\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 14 rods to a chestnut marked; then S.  $41\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 24 rods to a stake & stones; - thence S.  $78^{\circ}$  E. 7 rods to a stake & stones; - then N.  $75\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. crossing the old road 10 rods to a crooked Chestnut marked; then N.  $50^{\circ}$  E. 7 rods to a yellow Birch marked; then N.  $38^{\circ}$  E. 13 rods to a



The aforesaid report being read & considered, the following was ordered: - then N. 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° E 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  rods to a small hemlock marked; - then N. 61° E 13 rods to the centre of a large rock & a small birch thereon; then N. 76 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° E 28 rods to a stake & stones; - then N. 79° E 92 rods to a stake & stones; then N. 83° E 20 rods to a pine tree marked standing on the northwesterly side of the Grannille road & opposite the northwesterly corner of the old burying ground - The road at above altered is laid four rods wide on the northerly or left hand side of said line as above described & run - On the subject of damages after hearing all who chose to be heard in that behalf, we assessed & allowed damages as follows, viz. - To Reuben Boies Sixty Dollars - To Daniel Harger Five dollars - To John G. & Samuel Wilson Fifty dollars - To Ashbel Mitchell Fifteen Dollars - To Selden Stow One dollar - To William J. Bellinger One Hundred Dollars - being the only persons whose lands were taken for said road. Six months are allowed for removing timber, trees, & other obstructions from the location - and said road is to be finished & completed in a workmanlike & substantial manner & to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of October next, as well the alteration & improvement at & near the ledges & Grangers or Bartlett's hill herein - after more particularly described, as the above alteration laid by the line above run & described. - In the construction of said road the travelled path is to be sixteen feet wide exclusive of good and sufficient ditches & the road to be well raised & made sufficiently crowning; all stumps & stones to be removed from the travel-path before the road is formed & also the ditches to be cleared of the same except when ledges may render it impracticable; all bridges, sluices, mounds & water courses to be built in a permanent & durable manner - and whenever they may be necessary for the safety & permanency of the road; knolls to be hauled down & low & wet places to be raised and filled up, as far as may be practicable & necessary for a good dry & substantial road; - the road is to be worked from 15 to 20 feet from the S. W. corner of Wilson's saw mill, & the bridges across the ravine & brook near said mill are to be raised higher than the present bridges & built in a permanent & substantial manner of a full width with the road & with good stone walls or abutments; the bridge near Ashbel Mitchell to be raised 3 or 4 feet higher than the present one of like width & abutments with the



last above named bridge, & the earth from the high ground on each side to be hauled down in order that the hills may be easy of ascent; on Seldens Stows land the road is to be worked on the lower side of the location; the bridge across the Watton brook on or near the Billinger farm to be raised 4 feet higher than the present one & placed so that the water passage may be as nearly at right angles with the road as practicable, said bridge to be of uniform width with the other bridges above mentioned, & the passage for water sufficiently wide at all seasons of the year; - the low ground near the tanyard to be well raised & the ledges near the east end of the route to be reduced as much as may be practicable; on all side hills the road is to be worked near the lower side of the location and all hills are to be lowered & reduced so that the ascent may be easy & convenient - in these and all other respects said road is to be constructed in a substantial & workmanlike manner. The commissioners consider a new location inexpedient & unnecessary West of the house of Newlin Boise but that certain alterations & improvements in the travel path should be made at & near Grangers or Bartletts hill so called by raising the low ground 3 or 4 feet near the small bridge west of the ledges & by blasting or removing the rocks east of said bridge at the ledges; or the alteration & improvement here may be made by turning the travel path a few feet north of the present narrow pass between the rocks, & therefore direct that the road at this place be constructed in the most practicable manner & improved as far as may be in working the same from near the ledges aforesaid to near Charles Gibbs orchard - and to the acceptance of said Commissioners.

We estimate the expense of constructing said road & making said alterations, to wit from east end of said route to near the House of said Boise & also at & near the said Grangers or Bartletts hill at the sum of Five Hundred & fifty dollars & order that a part of said sum to wit the sum of Five Hundred Dollars be paid from the County treasury to the town of Blandford whenever the same shall be completed to the acceptance of the County Commissioners - All which is submitted

James W. Crooks } County  
 Gideon Stiles } Commis-  
 Cyrus Knox } sioners.



The aforesaid report being read & considered is accepted and the way therein described is established as & for a highway & ordered to be recorded.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Samuel B. Stubbins & others  
Respectfully represent The subscribers citizens of Chester in the County of Hampden & its vicinity, Petition for a  
that a road commencing on the Pontoosuc Turn-Road in  
pike in Chester, about half a mile south of Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniel Chester  
Roots in Middlefield running a northeasterly course  
through the northwest corner of Chester, on & near  
the Sanhouse brook, so called, to the south line of  
Middlefield a distance of about half a mile, is  
loudly called for, for public convenience and accom-  
modation; that said road will offer a much easier  
ascent up the Mountain to Middlefield & facilitate  
the intercourse between Chester and the mountain  
towns, North & West. And the said petitioners pray  
the said Commissioners to view the said proposed  
road, to lay the same & make it a County road.  
June 1835 (Signed) Samuel B. Stubbins & 40 others.  
Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Com-  
missioners of said County at Springfield on the  
first Tuesday of October A.D. 1835. On the petition  
aforesaid ordered that said Commissioners meet at  
Hubbards tavern in Chester on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November  
next at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of  
proceeding to view according to the prayer of said  
petition & after viewing to hear all persons and  
Corporations interested therein; and if the same shall  
be adjudged to be of common convenience and neces-  
sity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after  
locating to hear at said place of meeting, all persons  
& Corporations interested upon the subject of damages.  
Also, ordered that notice be given to all persons and  
Corporations interested in said petition by publish-  
ing a copy of said petition and this order thereon  
three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig  
a newspaper printed in said County, the last  
publication to be fourteen days at least before  
the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered  
that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy serve the  
Town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy  
of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least  
and post up in two public places in said Town a  
copy or an abstract, containing the substance of said  
petition fourteen days at least before the time of said  
meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return  
hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Com-  
missioners at or before the time of said meeting. Jas<sup>l</sup> H. Crookd Chair-  
man Springfield June 15. 1835 Rufus S. Payne by his atty.  
Samuel Lathrop.



And pursuant to the foregoing order William W. Foster Deputy Sheriff makes his return as follows—  
Hampden Co. 17<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1835 In obedience to the foregoing order I served the town Clerk of Chester with a true and attested copy of the Petition aforesaid & order of notice thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling house and also posted up copies of the same in two public places in said town.

William W. Foster Deputy Sheriff

Hampden Co. November 18<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1835. The County Commissioners for said County having given notice to all persons & Corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Deputy Sheriff according to the foregoing order of notice & also by causing a copy of said petition together with said order of notice stating the time place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig a newspaper printed in said County the last publication being fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting met at the time & place in said order mentioned and proceeded to view the route of the road prayed for in said petition; the petitioners, sundry owners of Land on said route, Asa Wilcox Esq. a Committee of the town of Chester appointed for that purpose and such other persons and Corporations as chose to be heard appeared & were heard upon the subject matter of said petition; and after viewing upon due consideration the said Commissioners adjudged that in their opinion common convenience & necessity require that a new road should be laid out & established from the north line of the town of Chester & running in southwesterly direction to near the base of the mountain & then in a westerly direction across the river to the Pontotoc Turnpike a few rods west of the dwelling house of the late Widow Rhoda Coomis; and so the said Commissioners, after the view & hearing as aforesaid, report accordingly. Whereupon the said Commissioners gave notice to all persons & Corporations then & there present, that they should forthwith proceed to locate the road as prayed for in said petition in conformity with said order of notice, so published as aforesaid, and accordingly located the same as a public road or highway, as follows; viz. Beginning on the north line of the town of Chester on land of Dan Pease two rods N. 41° E. from a stake & stones, standing & placed on the southerly or lower side of the Road as now travelled & run from thence

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Estimate



First day of July next - And whereas the said road having been partially constructed, we have estimated the expense of properly constructing & finishing the same at the sum of One Hundred Dollars; and order that one half of that sum, viz. fifty dollars be paid to the town of Chester from the County Treasury, when the same shall be completed to the acceptance of said Commissioners. - All which is submitted.

Samuel W. Crooks } County  
 Simeon Stiles } Commis-  
 Cyrus Knox } sioners.

The aforesaid report being read & considered is accepted and the way therein described is established as & for a highway and ordered to be recorded.

Rufus S. Payne's Pet. to the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
 Payne's Pet. at their meeting to be holden at Springfield in & for said  
 County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year  
 1835.

Estimate of damages Humbly shews Rufus S. Payne of West Springfield  
 in said County that the Inhabitants of said town  
 of West Springfield at a legal town meeting holden  
 in said town on the twentieth day of April last  
 past by adjournment from the sixth day of April last  
 approved & accepted the report of the Select men of said  
 town laying out a townway across the land of your  
 petitioner beginning at a stake & stones on the high-  
 way near Ezra Bradley's, and running east  $27\frac{1}{2}$   
 degrees North twenty eight rods, then east three degrees  
 North eleven rods & 15 links, then East five and  
 a half deg. South 12 rods, then East 32 deg. North  
 38 rods & 15 links to land of Moses Ashley, and  
 thence across the lands of Moses Ashley and others  
 to the Highway, and thus established the way  
 as reported by the Select men as a townway. -  
 that said way was laid four rods wide for  
 the greater part or the whole of the distance across  
 the land of your petitioner and by the manner in  
 which it is located has cut his lots into lots very  
 inconvenient for occupation & improvement and  
 subjecting him to great expense for fencing his  
 land. - Wherefore your petitioner prays that a jury  
 may be summoned to go and view the premises  
 & to estimate & assess the damages which he has sus-  
 tained by the doings of said town in establishing  
 said way unless the town after due notice to them  
 of the pendency of this petition should agree with  
 him upon a special Committee for that purpose.  
 West Springfield June 15. 1835. Rufus S. Payne by his atty.  
 Samuel Lathrop.



110 And pursuant to the foregoing order William H. Foster  
S.  $46\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 11 rods 22 links - thence S.  $70^{\circ}$  E. 4 rods - thence  
S.  $43\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 2 rods - thence S.  $20^{\circ}$  E. 3 rods - thence S.  $6\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  W. 2  
rods - thence same course on land of John Mitealf  
10 rods - thence S.  $19^{\circ}$  W. 16 rods - then S.  $2^{\circ}$  E. 6 rods -  
then on land of Erastus Fay S.  $23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W. 10 rods - then S.  $13^{\circ}$   
W.  $15\frac{1}{2}$  rods - then S.  $38\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W.  $14\frac{1}{2}$  rods - then S.  $43\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W.  $8\frac{1}{2}$   
rods - then S.  $16\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W. 19 rods to a large White Pine tree  
marked - then S.  $14^{\circ}$  W. 10 rods 19 links - then same  
course, on land of Hugh Quigley 14 rods 16 links -  
then S.  $3\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  W. 12 rods 10 links to a high white pine stump -  
then S.  $26\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W. 3 rods 15 links to a white pine staddle -  
then S.  $82\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  W. 4 rods 15 links - then N.  $40\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W. 6 rods  
22 links to a maple staddle - then N.  $54\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W. 4 rods  
21 links to pine stump - then a West course, on land  
of said Quigley 6 rods to the river - then a West  
Course on land of the heirs of Nathaniel Coomes  
deceased, 3 rods 17 links to an oak tree marked  
near the West end of the bridge - then S.  $75^{\circ}$  W. 8 rods -  
thence S.  $47^{\circ}$  W. 9 rods to the Pontotoc Turnpike, at a  
point about 5 rods northwesterly of the late dwelling  
house of Willow Rhode Coomes, deceased. - Said  
road is laid four rods wide & the line run as above  
described is the centre of the location, & we have  
established the same as a public highway, &  
is laid upon & over lands belonging to Dan Pease,  
John Mitealf, Erastus Fay, Hugh Quigley & the heirs  
of Nathaniel Coomes deceased; and after having  
heard all persons & corporations upon the subject  
of damages who chose to be heard in the premises,  
we assessed & allowed damages, as follows - viz. -  
To Erastus Fay, Three dollars, to Hugh Quigley Ten  
Dollars, and to the heirs of Nathaniel Coomes deceased  
Eighteen Dollars. Dan Pease & John Mitealf were  
present and relinquished all claim for damages; no  
other persons were damaged, & no damages assessed  
other than as above stated. - In the construction  
of said road the travel-path is to be 16 feet wide  
with suitable ditches next to the banks or uphill  
sides of the road, to prevent the water from running  
in the travel-path; but in places where it may  
be impracticable by reason of rocks & ledges to mark  
the travel path 16 feet wide, it will not be required,  
provided there be sufficient width for the public ac-  
commodation; all bridges & sluices to be substan-  
tially built & to be placed wherever necessary, as  
also, good & sufficient railing along the location; -  
in all other respects said road is to be made and  
completed in a substantial & workmanlike man-  
ner & finished to the acceptance of the County Commis-  
sioners or their agent in office, on or before the



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co. County Commissioners Meeting held  
on the first Tuesday of July 1835 by adjournment  
from the fourth Tuesday of June 1835—  
Upon the aforesaid Petition it is ordered by the County  
Commissioners that the petitioner cause notice to be  
given to the Inhabitants of the Town of West Springfield  
with a true & attested copy of said petition & order  
thereon, thirty days before the next meeting of said  
County Commissioners to be holden at Springfield in  
said County on the first Tuesday of October next  
that they may then & there appear and shew cause  
if any they have, why the prayer of said petition  
should not be granted—

Attest John Ingersoll Clerk  
a true copy of the petition and order thereon

Attest John Ingersoll Clerk—  
Hampden ss. July 10. 1835— By virtue of the foregoing  
order I have given notice to the Inhabitants of the  
Town of West Springfield, by giving a true & attested  
copy of the petition aforesaid & order of Notice thereon  
to the town Clerk of said Town—

C. Rice Sheriff—  
The aforesaid Petition was continued from term to term  
to this term and now in this term it was ordered  
that this petition be dismissed—

To the Hon. County Commissioners within and for Select Men  
the County of Hampden Respectfully represent— of  
At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of West Springfield  
held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November last it was Pet. for allowance  
voted that the select men petition the Hon. County for making road  
Commissioners for the County of Hampden for some  
allowance towards defraying the expense of building  
the road recently located by them in Ferdin-  
g-Hills on petition of George Beebe & others. There-  
fore we the undersigned do respectfully represent  
that we have contracted for the constructing of said  
road at the expense of Four Hundred & Seventy dollars,  
and further that the said town has recently incurred  
a very considerable expense for the construction of new  
roads and for repairing & altering old ones, and that  
the inhabitants of West Springfield are comparatively  
little benefitted by said road—less so than the in-  
habitants of the State of Connecticut and the public  
generally and feeling ourselves very much burthened  
with roads we respectfully request your Hon. body  
to consider our circumstances and grant us such  
sum as in your judgment is necessary & proper. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 1835



And pursuant to the foregoing order William H. Foster

Simus Bagg  
 Henry Ely  
 Edward Parsons  
 Spencer Howe  
 Samuel Rottle

Select Men  
 of  
 West Springfield

Hampden ss. December Meeting Co. Commissioners 1835.  
 The County Commissioners acting upon the petition  
 of George Buba & others, having considered the fore-  
 going petition of the Select Men of West Springfield,  
 now estimate the expense of making & constructing  
 the road laid upon the Petition of said Buba and  
 others at the sum of Four Hundred & seventy dollars  
 & order & direct that the sum of One Hundred &  
 twenty-five Dollars be paid from the County Treas-  
 ury at part of the expense of constructing said road,  
 to the town of West Springfield, to be paid whenever  
 said road shall be made & accepted by the County  
 Commissioners.

James W. Crooke } County  
 Gideon Niles } Commis-  
 Cyrus Knox } sioners.

All further proceedings in the above case are stayed.  
 The same being settled.

License

Nathan C. Parsons is licensed as an Innholder in the centre of the town of Falmouth.  
 Ordered that Cyrus Knox be appointed as agent to  
 superintend the repairs of the County Bridge  
 at three Rivers in Palmyra.

Com. to settle

with County Tr.

Ordered that William Bliss Esq. be a Committee to  
 settle with the County Treasurer.

Ordered that the County Commissioners will meet  
 at the Court House in Springfield on the first  
 day of April next at ten O'clock in the forenoon  
 to act upon the subject of Licenses.

Hampden ss. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 1835. Judgment is entered accor-  
 ding to reports &c. and all matters not acted upon  
 are ordered to be continued & this meeting is  
 adjourned without day.

Alfred John Ingersoll Clerk.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden begun & holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on Friday the first day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred & thirty six for the purpose of acting upon the subject of Licenses.

Present - James W. Crooks Esq. Chairman

Gideon Stiles Esq. -

Cyrus Knox Esq. - Commissioners

Apr 1<sup>st</sup> 1836

Licenses Granted

Ely Fuller Innkeeper & Ashley Hayden Innkeeper. Sudbory

Russell Hawley Innholder & Allen Brunson Innholder. Rupells

John McCray Innholder, Henry Cadwell Retailer, Wm Bliss Innholder, Luther B. Bliss Retailer, Samuel M. Fuller Innholder, John Innholder, Henry Allen Retailer. W. Abraham

Samuel S. Day Innholder -

Blandford

William White Retailer wine & not accident spirit no duty } Long-  
Simon Colton Innholder, Willis Phelps Innholder, Willis } - meadow  
Phelps Retailer, Francis Burt Retailer. }

Israel M. Parsons Innholder, Lorrin Janie Innholder, Thomas Loomis Innholder, David H. Murrin retailer, }  
Alonso Allen retailer, Elijah Arnold retailer, John } Westfield  
Rogers innholder, Roswell King Innholder, Charles }  
P. Clark Innholder, Worthington D. Newton Innholder. }

Solomon Smith Innholder, Abner Allen Jr innholder } Palmer.  
John Sedgwick Innholder, Emilius Bond Retailer }

H. Lyon & Bridgman Retailers, Watson Murick retailer, }  
Timothy Packard & Son Retailer, Amos Norcross Innholder } Thomson  
no duty to sell wine & fermented liquors. }

Abner Miller Innholder, James Bagg Innholder, Silas }  
Dewey Retailer, Lyman Whitman retailer, Warren } West-  
Clark Innholder, Jonathan C. Moulby Innholder, Amos } Springfield  
Allen Innholder, Harvey Root Retailer, Theodosia Palmer } - field  
Innholder, J. D. Fairfield Innholder. }

Charles Phelps Innholder, Elijah Seymour Innholder, }  
Elijah Seymour Retailer, Joel Root retailer Timothy }  
Retailer, Isaac Haddin Retailer. } Greenville

George Beebe Innholder -

Guthrie



110 And pursuant to the foregoing order William H. Foster

119.  
Wales.

Cornelius Miller Innholder.

Ordered that this meeting stand adjourned to the  
Second Tuesday of April Instant at ten O'clock in  
the forenoon.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners  
begun & holden at Springfield within for the  
County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of  
June being the twenty eighth day of said month  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-  
dred and thirty six - & from day to day to the  
first day of July & by adjournment on the  
second Tuesday of August & from day to day to  
the 12<sup>th</sup> day of said August.

Present James W. Brooks Esq. Chairman

Gideon Stiles Esq.

Cyrus Knox Esq. } Commissioners

Sedgewick Hotel To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners  
Pet. for a Road of the County of Hampden at their session next  
in Palmer to be holden at Springfield on the fourth Tues-  
day of June 1834.

The subscribers inhabitants of the town of Palmer  
in said County & of the towns in that vicinity re-  
spectfully Represent, that the highway leading  
from the village of Three Rivers in said Palmer  
to John Thar's in said Palmer isilly, circuitous  
and inconvenient to the public, & that the public  
convenience & necessity require the location of a  
new public highway beginning at the village of  
said Three Rivers and thence running in a  
southeasterly direction near the house of Van  
Rensselaer Treasurer & crossing Chicksee River  
near Robert's Ford way, then taking the course  
which may be thought best to John Sedgewick's  
house in said Palmer, then taking the best  
course to the aforesaid John Thar's. They  
therefore pray that the same may be viewed &  
such alterations made & established as the  
convenience of the public requires.

June 17<sup>th</sup> 1834 (Signed) John Sedgewick & others  
This Petition was entered at the Meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden for said County  
on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four  
and continued <sup>from</sup> meeting to meeting to the Meeting of  
said County Commissioners holden on the second  
Tuesday of April A.D. 1836, at which meeting



it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Solomon Smith in the village of Three Rivers in Palmer on the twenty third day of May next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons & corporations interested, upon the subject of damages. - Also Ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition & this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further Ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, - and post up in two public places in said town a copy or an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, - before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. - James W. Crooks Chairman. In pursuance of the foregoing order the Sheriff makes the following return. -

Hampden W. April 25. 1836. Pursuant to the within order I have served the town Clerk of Palmer with a true & attested copy of said Petition & order of notice thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said Petition. -

William H. Foster Deputy Sheriff  
Hampden W. May 23. 1836 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner as set forth in the above return of the Deputy Sheriff, and also having caused a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of notice stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig a newspaper published & printed in said County the last publication thereof being fourteen days at least previous to the time of said meeting, in conformity with the said order of notice, two of said Commissioners, to wit, James W. Crooks and Gideon Stiles met at the time & place mentioned in said order of notice, but Cyrus Knorr the other County Commissioner being an inhabitant of & residing in the town of Palmer



And pursuant to the foregoing order William H. Foster when the Road prayed for in said petition is situated and therefore being unable & disqualified by law to act in the premises, the said Commissioners then & there present gave notice to & summoned James Bagg one of the Special Commissioners of said County to appear and act upon the said petition in the place & stead of the said Knox; and the said Bagg appearing upon such notice & summons with the Standing Commissioners present as aforesaid, thus constituting a Board, proceeded to view the route in said petition mentioned; after viewing said route & hearing all persons & corporations interested & who chose to be heard in the premises, the said Board of Commissioners thus constituted were of opinion & accordingly adjudged that Common Convenience & necessity required that a new road should be laid out & established from near the Canal Bridge at Three Rivers Factory in Palmer, in a southeasterly direction crossing Robert's Ford - may, so called, to the highway near the School house at the foot of dunghill Mountain, so called, - Also that an alteration be made in the road from near John Sedgwick's to near said John Thoms house. Whereupon the said Commissioners, after the view, hearing & adjudication aforesaid, & after giving notice to all persons & corporations then & there present that they should forthwith proceed to lay out & establish a new road between the termini above mentioned - And also to lay out & establish an alteration in the old Road exactly of said Sedgwick's and accordingly then & there proceeded to lay out & establish the same as follows, to wit: - Beginning at the intersection of the Belchertown Road & the road leading from Three Rivers to Sudlow near the Canal Bridge by the Factory and run S. 67° E. about 23 rods to a stake standing 7 links from the N. Easterly corner of Philip Coolidge's Farm House on a course N. 15° E. thence S. 75° E. 27 rods 9 links to an apple tree thence N. 77½° 9 rods 5 links to a stake on land of David Shear - thence S. 59° E. 65 rods 14 links to a stake - thence S. 56½° E. 103 rods to a stake - thence S. 76° E. 19 rods to a Black oak, & to this station the road is laid three rods wide - thence due E. 6 rods to a White Oak - thence N. 84½° E. 3 rods 17 links to a Pine - thence N. 75½° E. 10 rods - thence S. 77° E. 6 rods to a stake, & to this station said Road is laid four rods wide - thence S. 47½° E. 50 rods to a stake - thence S. 49½° E. 29½ rods - thence 10 rods to a stake & stone - thence S. 28° E. 11 rods to a stake on the Bank of the River, & to this station the first 79½ rods, four rods wide, & 21 rods thence to the River said road is laid five rods wide -



thence  $S. 33\frac{3}{4}^{\circ} E.$  about 7 rods across the River & from thence on  
the same course 26 rods to a stake & stones standing by the  
fence on the opposite side of the road from the school house  
before mentioned, & to this station said road is laid five  
rods wide. The line run is the right hand or southerly  
side of the road & the width thereof is indicated by the  
word "Station" named above. Six months are allowed the  
owners of land for removing wood, timber & other obstructions  
from the location. Also we have altered the old road  
from near Sedgwick's to said John Shaw's as follows  
to wit: Beginning at a stake standing on a course bearing  
 $S. 51\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E.$  6 rods & links from S.E. corner of Sedgwick's house  
and run on said course 113 rods to intersect the old road  
the line is the northerly side of the road, and the road  
as altered is laid three rods wide, except on Sedgwick's  
land where it is laid four rods wide. In the construction  
of the road the following particulars are to be observed.  
The travelled path is to be 18 feet wide exclusive of ditches,  
to be well raised & rounded, & all stones, stumps & roots  
are to be removed before the road is formed, & also out of the  
ditches where they would obstruct the water in a free passage.  
Suitable bridges, mounds, & sluiceways are to be erected &  
plowed where necessary, and the road is to be so formed  
that the water will pass into the ditches & not stand  
or run along the travelled paths and the path is to be  
hardened by the best materials to be found along the lo-  
cation so that the road shall be hard and good for travel.  
The ground is to be broken full 30 feet wide. A good &  
substantial bridge is to be built over the River & to be  
raised sufficiently above high water mark, & the road  
on each side of the river near the bridge is to be also  
raised above high water mark. The bridge is to be at  
least sixteen feet wide, clear travel, of good materials  
& similar in construction to the bridge built by Ephraim  
Fenton near the house of Wm Chandler. All hills & knolls  
are to be properly hauled down & reduced, & all low &  
wet places sufficiently raised to make the road safe,  
easy & convenient for travel. Particular attention and  
care to be paid in the location & construction of sluiceways,  
bridges & water courses. In all other respects the road  
and bridge are to be constructed in a permanent, sub-  
stantial & workmanlike manner & to the acceptance  
of the County Commissioners on or before the first day  
of September A.D. 1837. Said Road is laid upon & over  
lands belonging to, The Palmetto Company, The Three  
River Manufacturing Company, Pliny Cooley, Joseph  
Brown, David Theaser, Franklin Morgan, Stephen  
Place, Edmund Monroe, Joshua Graves, Isaac Merrill,  
John Watson, Solomon Smith, Benjamin A. Burleigh,  
John Sedgwick and John Shaw.



And pursuant to the foregoing order William H. Foster  
 And after hearing all persons & corporations inter-  
 ested, upon the subject of damages, who chose to  
 be heard in the premises, are assessed & allowed dam-  
 ages as follows, to wit:

To Isaac Ferrell the sum of Ninety Dollars

" Edmund Monroe " " " " " " " " " " " "

" Joshua Graves " " " " " " " " " " " "

" John Watson " " " " " " " " " " " "

" John Shaw " " " " " " " " " " " "

No damages were assessed or allowed to the  
 Palmer Company, Three Rivers Manufacturing Co.,  
 Pliny Cooley, Joseph Brown, David Shearn, Frank-  
 lin Morgan, Stephen Place, Solomon Smith,  
 Benjamin A. Burley or John Sedgwick, and no  
 damages were claimed by them.

We have estimated the expense of making said  
 Bridge & Road, and of making the said  
 alteration at the sum of Seven Hundred dollars,  
 and order that one half of said sum, to wit,  
 the sum of Three Hundred & fifty dollars be  
 paid to the Town of Palmer from the Treasury  
 of said County whenever said Road & Bridge  
 shall be finished and accepted by the County  
 Commissioners. All which is Submitted.

James W. Crooks 2 County

Gideon Stiles 3 Commissioners

Linus Bagg 3 Special Comm-  
 -missioners

Which report being read & considered is accepted by  
 the County Commissioners, and the way therein de-  
 scribed, established as & for a public highway, &  
 ordered to be recorded.

Amos Kendall

Respectfully Represents

Damages

To The County Commissioners for The County of Hampden  
 The undersigned Respectfully Represents that a public highway has  
 been recently located and established by the County Commissioners  
 for said County on the petition of Ashbel Burr & others in Springfield  
 and Ludlow that the said highway was laid in part upon & over  
 land of your petitioner - that the said Commissioners assessed and  
 allowed the sum of Sixty three Dollars only to your petitioner  
 for his lands so taken for said road at the time said Commissioners  
 estimated damages on the location of said highway for damages  
 for other lands so taken for such highway - Wherefore your petitioner  
 is aggrieved & prays the County Commissioners to re-estimate damages  
 on the petition of said Burr & others or in some other way  
 revise the proceedings of said Commissioners and to allow and  
 assess damages to your petitioner for his land so taken for said  
 highway by a further & greater allowance of damages & grant  
 him such relief in the premises as justice shall require

April 12<sup>th</sup> 1874

Amos Kendall

The aforesaid Petition was entered at the meeting of the County



Commissioners held on the second Tuesday of April last past & continued  
to this meeting and now it is ordered as follows - "Hampden's June Meeting  
of County Comm<sup>rs</sup> - On the foregoing petition of Amos Kendall praying  
for a restoration of damages & further allowance to him for his lands  
taken for a road laid out on the petition of Ashbel Burr and others  
The County Commissioners now present to wit Eidean Hiles &  
Eyrus Knapp & Sinus Baggone of the special Commissioners in the  
place & stead of James W. Crookus the other County Commissioners  
who is an Inhabitant of the town of Springfield where a post & rail  
road was laid - thus constituting a board & acting as well on the  
Petition of said Burr & others as on the said Kendall's Petition do  
now estimate & assess damages anew on said Burr's petition  
and accordingly do assess & allow to said Kendall the further sum  
of twelve dollars & sixty cents as damages for his lands & others  
for said road in addition to the sum heretofore allowed him

Eidean Hiles County  
Eyrus Knapp Com<sup>rs</sup>  
Sinus Bagg Special Com<sup>rs</sup>

The votes for County Treasurer being counted & sorted it appears County  
that the whole number of votes was seventeen hundred & fifty Treasurer  
one and that George Cotton Esq<sup>r</sup> had twelve hundred & thirty  
two and is declared to be chosen who appears and has given  
bonds to the acceptance of the County Commissioners and is  
sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of said Office

The votes for Registrar of deeds for the County of Hampden being Registry  
sorted & County it appears that the whole number of votes was fifteen Deeds  
hundred & twenty two - and William Still has sixteen hundred  
and sixty eight and is declared by the County Commissioners as  
chosen who appears and is sworn and given bonds to the acceptance  
of the County Commissioners

James Shearer is licensed as a retailer in the store lately erected Licenses  
by John Wedgwick in Palmer

Elisha Kinna is licensed as a turner in the Town of Holland  
in the house now occupied by him

Henry C. White is licensed as a Retailer of Wine & spirituous  
Liquors in West Springfield in the store he now occupies -

Ordered by the County Commissioners that the County Treasurer County  
be authorized to borrow on the Credit of the County a sum not Treasurer  
exceeding three thousand dollars giving his Note or Notes authorized  
therefor payable on or before the first day of January next Borrow  
money on  
behalf of the  
County



And pursuant to the foregoing order William H. Foster  
James H. Crocker is authorized to examine the roads laid out on the Pet<sup>n</sup>  
Committee of Benjamin Jencks & others on the South side of Chicopee River, David  
Examine Roads Ames & others on the North side of said River Ashbel Burr & others in  
Springfield & Ludlow and the road from Cabotville to Ashleys Ferry from  
time to time and certify the Commissioners when it may be advisable  
to view the same for acceptance - Cyrus Knox is authorized to perform  
the same service in relation to roads laid on the petition of Ames  
Norris & others & Morquies Converse & others - And Gideon Hiles is  
appointed to the same service in relation to a road laid out on  
the petition of George Beebe & others -

Notice to the Town of Tolland Whereas the road laid out on the Petition of George M. Granger and  
on the road laid others in the Town of Tolland was not made & completed nor any  
upon George M. part thereof by said Town within the time and in the manner pre-  
scribed by said Commissioners laying out said road & whereas the  
Granger & others said Commissioners upon neglect & refusal of said Town have caused  
Dofrs. the same to be completed - It is now ordered that the expenses and  
charges thereof be paid out of the County Treasury to wit the sum of  
Four Hundred Seventeen Dollars & seventy eight cents and that  
notice be given to said Town of Tolland of the order aforesaid and  
to appear at the next regular term of said County Commissioners to  
be held at Springfield in said County of Hampden on the first  
Tuesday of October next unless the Town of Tolland pay into the  
County Treasury before the said next regular term the sum above  
specified with ten per cent per annum interest thereon from this time  
to show cause why a warrant should not issue against the said  
delinquent Town to collect the same by causing an attested  
copy of this order to be served by the Sheriff or his deputy upon the  
Town Clerk on or before the twentieth day of July next

Accounts Allowed  
June 1836 Elias Turner \$7.92 - L. N. Belden \$10. Whipple Potter \$9.67 John Ingersoll \$4.00  
Harvey Chapin \$20. James Brown \$3.30. C. Rice \$29.59 Alvin James \$0.07  
William Hunt \$36.92 Roswell Lombard \$4.50 Carrier & Lewis \$55.25  
George M. Callender \$27.00 William H. Foster \$26.30, Lewis Briggs & C. \$30.25  
George Calton \$11.00 Erastus D. Beach \$49.25 Amasa Parsons \$17.00  
Harvey Chapin \$200.33  
June Adj<sup>y</sup> = Henry Woodman \$6.51 Lauren Trask & C<sup>o</sup> \$17.00 Amasa Parsons \$6.75  
Tftr - George M. Callender \$10.75

Hampden Co. August 12<sup>th</sup> 1836 All matters not acted upon are  
ordered to be continued at this meeting is adjourned without day  
Attest John Ingersoll Clerk.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. A meeting of the County Commissioners begun & holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April being the twelfth day of said Month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty six & from day to day to the fourteenth day of said Month

By James W. Crooks Chairman  
Gideon Stiles & Commissioners  
Cyrus Smith

Samuel C. Gibbs of Blandford in said County Complainant Samuel C. Gibbs Pet.  
Complains that the assessors of the said Town of Blandford in said County for the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & thirty two to wit Porter Gibbs, Logan Crosby and John F. Callister in their list of assessments committed to Roland Pothus Collector of the said Town have apportioned upon your Complainant the sum of six Dollars & seventy cents which he has been obliged to pay to the said Collector for State, County & Town taxes for said year and said assessors for the year aforesaid in their list of Assessment of highway taxes for the year aforesaid committed to Abner Gibbs one of the Surveyors of highways in said Blandford have apportioned upon your Complainant the sum of six Dollars & seventy cents which he is liable to pay for his highway tax for said year at all which the said Complainant considers himself aggrieved and although he has made application to the said Assessors they refuse to make him any abatement therein - And your Complainant further complains that the assessors of the Town of Blandford in said County for the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & thirty four to wit Porter Gibbs, Spelman Gibbs, Justus Shrop in their list of Assessment committed to Roland Pothus Collector of the said Town of Blandford have apportioned upon your Complainant the sum of six Dollars & fifty five cents which he has been obliged to pay to said Collector for State, County & Town taxes for said year at which the Complainant considers himself aggrieved and although he has made application to the said Assessors they have still do refuse to make him any abatement - And your Complainant further complains that the Assessors of the Town of Blandford in said County for the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & thirty five to wit Porter Gibbs, Simon Shepard and Justus Shrop in their list of Assessment committed to Chauncy J. Brown Collector of the said Town of said year have apportioned upon your Complainant the sum of Nine Dollars & forty five cents which your Complainant is now liable to pay to said Collector for State, County & Town taxes for said year at which he considers himself aggrieved & although he has made application to said Assessors they refuse to make him any abatement and void assessors for the year aforesaid in their list of Assessment of highway taxes for the year aforesaid have apportioned upon your Complainant the sum of seven Dollars & forty four cents which he is liable to pay for his highway tax for said year at which he considers himself aggrieved and although he has made application to said Assessors they refuse to make him any abatement - Therefore he applies



And pursuant to the foregoing order William H. Foster  
to this Honorable Court for relief & prays that your Honors agreeably to a  
Law of this Commonwealth in such cases made & provided would order  
him a reimbursement out of the Treasury of said Town of such sum as  
your Honors shall see cause to abate him with the charges of this  
process and as in duty bound shall pray -

By Manson & Snop his Attorney  
The aforesaid Complaint was entered at a meeting of the County  
Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday  
of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
& thirty five at which time it was ordered that the Petitioner cause  
notice to be given to the Inhabitants of the Town of Blandford in  
said County by serving the Town Clerk of said Blandford and also  
either of the present board of Assessors of said Blandford with a true  
and attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at  
least before the next meeting of said County Commissioners to be  
holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the  
second Tuesday of April next and that the County Commissioners  
require the Assessors or Clerk to produce to the said County Commissioners  
at the above meeting the valuation by which the assessment is  
made or a copy thereof for the years of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred & thirty two one thousand eight hundred & thirty four  
and one thousand eight hundred & thirty five that the Inhabitants  
of said Blandford may then & there appear & shew cause if any they  
have why the prayer of said petition should not be granted  
and this Complaint was continued to this Meeting and now the  
Petitioner appears by his attorney & moves for that leave to discontinue  
his Petition Reuben Baies Jr. appears in behalf of the Assessors of  
Blandford & moves for costs -

#### Licenses Granted

- Wales - James Ripley is licensed as a retailer  
West Springfield - Elias Winchell is licensed as a retailer  
Springfield - Elisha Edwards Retailer - Henry & James Brewer Retailers  
Monroe D. Phillips Innholder - Stokes & Parsons Retailers  
Sumner Chopin Innholder - John J. Bishop Innholder  
Henry Hocking Innholder - Samuel King Innholder, Jeremy Warriner Innholder  
Elihu Adams, Innholder - Gardner Kimball Innholder -  
Austin Chopin Jr. Innholder - William L. Beebe is Retailer of Wines only  
James Worthington Innholder - David M. Moore Retailer  
Edward G. Mosley Innholder - Upham & Ingraham Retailers  
Elisha D. Hocking Retailer - Jonathan Bangs Retailer  
Ezra Kimberly Innholder - Bryant & Bliss Retailers  
William H. Foster Innholder for wine beer &c -  
Brimfield - Wilson Warner Retailer - Joseph D. Brauning Innholder  
Ebenezer Williams Retailer of wines -  
Southwick - Milton Hays - Innholder  
Chester - Edmund Hubbard Jr. Innholder - Albert G. Henry - Innholder  
Lewis Collins Retailer - Daniel Collins Innholder -



To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
 The undersigned Respectfully represents that a public highway  
 has been recently located & established by the County Commissioners  
 for said County on the Petition of William Osborn & others from near  
 Pease Mill in Westfield to near Ashbel Boston in Southwick that the  
 said highway was laid in part upon & over land of your petitioner  
 that the said Commissioners did not allow or assess any damages to  
 your petitioner for his lands so taken for said road at the time said Com-  
 missioners estimated damages on the location of said highway for damages  
 for other lands so taken for such highway - Wherefore your petitioner  
 is aggrieved and prays the County Commissioners to reestimate damages  
 on the Petition of said Osborn or in some other way revise the proceedings  
 of said Commissioners and to allow & assess damages to your petitioner  
 for his land so taken for said highway and to grant him such relief in  
 the premises as justice shall require -

Southwick March 9<sup>th</sup> 1836

Joseph M. Forward

Hampden Co. County Commissioners Meeting April 12<sup>th</sup> 1836  
 on the foregoing petition of Joseph M. Forward for reestimation and  
 assessment of damages on the Petition of William Osborn & others the  
 County Commissioners (viz) James W. Crooks, Gideon Stiles & Cyrus  
 Shrop now present & acting on the said William Osborn & others petition  
 and having considered & examined the subject matter of said petition as  
 also the said Forwards petition do now estimate & assess damages anew  
 for lands taken for the road laid & established on the said William Osborn &  
 others petition and accordingly have assessed & allowed to the said Joseph  
 M. Forward the sum of ten dollars for his lands so taken for said road  
 as & for his damages

James W. Crooks  
 Gideon Stiles  
 Cyrus Shrop } County Comrs

*Resolved that the County Commissioners do now estimate & assess damages anew for lands taken for the road laid & established on the said William Osborn & others petition and accordingly have assessed & allowed to the said Joseph M. Forward the sum of ten dollars for his lands so taken for said road as & for his damages*

Morton D. Graves \$23.79 R. D. Morris \$3.00 N. T. Leland \$3.93  
 John Ingersoll \$11.36 Orange Chopin \$1.25 Seth Parsons \$5.00  
 Amasa Parsons \$10.26 - D. C. & H. Brewer \$3.43 E. Rice \$12.41

Amounts  
 Allowed of  
 the above to  
 April 1836

Ordered by the County Commissioners that James W. Crooks Esq Agent on  
 be appointed Agent for the County Commissioners to appear at the  
 Supreme Judicial Court to be holden for said County on the fourth  
 Tuesday of April instant & answer to the Petition of Thaddeus Taylor &  
 others - for a writ of Certiorari against said Commissioners & defend the  
 same until a final decision shall be had on said Petition -

Hampden Co. April 14 1836 All matters not acted upon are ordered  
 to be continued & this Meeting is Adjourned without day  
 Attest John Ingersoll Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 Hampshire. At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun  
 and holden at Springfield within and for the County of  
 Hampden on the first Tuesday of October being the  
 fourth day of said Month in the year of our Lord one  
 thousand eight hundred & thirty six and from day to day  
 to the sixth day of said Month

By

James H. Crocker Esq. Chairman  
 Gideon Stiles Esq. County Comm.  
 Cyrus Anap Esq.

David Ames  
 Sothers Pet. for  
 a Road in Springfield  
 from Blakes  
 Bridge to James  
 Sikes House

To the Honorable County Commissioners within and for the County of  
 Hampden — Respectfully represent the Subscribers Inhabitants  
 of Springfield & Longmeadow that the County road leading westerly  
 & northerly from Blakes Bridge so called to the bridge over town  
 brook on main street in Springfield is very circuitous and at times  
 dangerous to the traveller on account of the steepness of the hill south of  
 Blakes bridge and the necessity of turning nearly at right angles in a  
 narrow space on the North side of said Bridge when under the  
 impetus of a necessarily rapid descent of the hill as said road is  
 now laid the public are required to travel nearly double the  
 distance in passing from one bridge to the other than would be  
 necessary if a new County road was laid from Blakes Bridge  
 across the land of Allen Bangs, Walter Mattinet and the heirs of  
 Rufus Sikes deceased to intersect with the present road near the  
 house of James Sikes — We further represent that the public con-  
 -venience & necessity require that a new road should be laid and  
 opened over & across the land of the several owners abovesaid  
 We therefore request your Honors to view said proposed route  
 and lay a County road in such manner as will best accom-  
 -modate your petitioners & the Public generally

Springfield Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 1835 David Ames & Seventy Nine others  
 The aforesaid Petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
 Commissioners held for said County on the first Tuesday of  
 October last past and continued from meeting to meeting  
 to the meeting of the County Commissioners held on the second  
 Tuesday of April last past at which meeting it was ordered  
 that said Commissioners meet at the house of James Sikes in  
 Springfield on Friday the tenth day of June next at two o'clock  
 in the afternoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according  
 to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all  
 persons & corporations interested therein; and if the same  
 shall be adjudged of common convenience & necessity to proceed  
 to locate the road prayed for and after locating to hear at said  
 place of meeting all persons & corporations interested upon the  
 subject of damages — Also ordered that notice be given to all  
 persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing  
 a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks suc-  
 -cessively in the Springfield Gazette & Newspaper printed in said



County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting; And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town a copy of an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting; The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to Gideon Hiles one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James Crooks Chairman

and this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June last past - And pursuant to the above order William H. Foster a Deputy Sheriff makes the following return "Hampden Co. 2<sup>d</sup> May 1836 In obedience to the foregoing order I served the Town of Springfield with a true & attested copy of the Petition aforesaid & order of Notice thereon by giving <sup>the same</sup> to him - I also posted up Abstracts containing the substance of said petition in two public places in said town -

William H. Foster Deputy Sheriff

At which said meeting held as last above mentioned the County Commissioners made the following Report -

Hampden Co June 10<sup>th</sup> 1836 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons & Corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner as set forth in the above return of the Deputy Sheriff and also having caused a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of Notice stating the time place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette a Newspaper published & printed in said County the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the said time of meeting; in conformity with the said order of Notice two of said Commissioners to wit Gideon Hiles and Cyrus Inap met at the time & place in the said order mentioned; but James M. Crooks the other County Commissioner being an Inhabitant of & residing in the Town of Springfield where the road prayed for in said petition is situated & therefore being unable & disqualified by law to act in the premises the said County Commissioners then & there present gave notice to & summoned Simon Bagg one of the Special Commissioners to appear & act upon the said petition in the place & stead of the said Crooks; And the said Bagg appearing upon such notice & summons with the standing Commissioners present as aforesaid thus constituting a board proceeded to view the route in said petition mentioned; and after viewing said route & hearing all persons & corporations interested & who chose to be heard in the premises, the said board of Commissioners having duly considered the subject adjudged that in their opinion Common Convenience & necessity require that a new road should be laid out and established between the termini as prayed for in said petition all which is submitted -

Gideon Hiles & Local of County Com.  
Cyrus Inap & Local  
Simon Bagg & Local Special Com.



hursant to the business under William H. Foster  
 which report being read & considered is accepted - at which Meeting held  
 as aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday of June it was ordered that said Commis-  
 sioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on Thursday the  
 eleventh day of August next at eight o'clock in the forenoon for the  
 purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and  
 after locating to hear all persons & corporations interested upon the  
 subject of damages. Also that notice be given to all persons & corporations  
 interested in said petition by publishing an Abstract of said petition  
 and a Notice of the time & place & purpose of said meeting three weeks  
 successively in the Springfield Gazette a Newspaper printed in said  
 County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the  
 time of said meeting; And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of  
 said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield  
 with an Attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty  
 days at least and post up in two public places in said Springfield  
 an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days  
 at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy  
 will make return hereof with his doings to Gideon Hiles one of  
 said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks Chairman

And this petition was further continued to this meeting and  
 pursuant to the foregoing order the Sheriff of said County makes  
 the following return "Hampden Co. July 11<sup>th</sup> 1836 By virtue of this  
 order I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with a true & attested  
 copy of this petition & order of Notice thereon by giving the same  
 to him and on the twelfth day of said July I posted up in two  
 public places in said Town an abstract containing the  
 substance of said petition - C. Rice Sheriff  
 and now at this meeting the County Commissioners make  
 the following report "Hampden Co. August 11<sup>th</sup> 1836  
 The County Commissioners of said County having given Notice  
 to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition  
 in manner as is set forth in the above return of the Sheriff of  
 said County and also having caused an Abstract of said petition  
 containing the substance thereof & stating the time, place and  
 purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively  
 in the Springfield Gazette a Newspaper published and printed  
 in said County the last publication thereof being fourteen days at  
 least previous to said meeting in conformity with the said  
 abstract so published and agreeably to the foregoing order of notice  
 two of said Commissioners to wit Gideon Hiles & Cyrus Shap  
 met at the time & place in the said abstract & order mentioned  
 but James W. Crooks the other County Commissioner being an  
 Inhabitant of & residing in the Town of Springfield where the  
 road prayed for is situate and therefore being disqualified  
 by law to act in the premises the said Commissioners then &  
 there present notified & summoned Simon Bagg one of the  
 Special Commissioners to appear & act in the place stead of the  
 said Crooks and the said Bagg appearing upon such notice and  
 summonings with the said Hiles & Shap the Standing Commissioners



present as aforesaid thus constituting a board proceeded to lay out and establish a new highway and accordingly did so lay out & establish the same as follows, to wit; Beginning at a button bolt tree on the north side of the road and nearly opposite Blake's Bridge in spring = field and running N. 57° 25' W. thirty two rods fifteen links to the north side of Walter Worrimers land, thence N. 45° 50' W. to the old County road southerly of the house of Willow Azuba Sikes or James Sikes - a locust tree marked standing on the lost course said road is laid three rods wide and the line run is the North side or right hand limits and is laid upon & over land of Allen Bangs. Walter Worrimers & Willow Azuba Sikes & the heirs of Rufus Sikes deceased - and after locating said road & hearing all persons & corporations who chose to be heard in the premises upon the subject of damages we allowed & assessed damages to the following named persons to wit. Allen Bangs the sum of Forty Dollars & fifty cents <sup>to Walter Worrimers one hundred Eighty Dollars</sup> and to the Willow Azuba Sikes together with the heirs of Rufus Sikes deceased the sum of Twenty Dollars and no other person was injured by the location of said road - six months are allowed the owners of land for removing fences timber and other obstructions and impediments from the location In the construction of said road the ground is to be broken at least thirty feet and the travelled part to be full twenty feet wide exclusive of good ditches and the road is to be well raised and sufficiently crowning so that the water shall pass into the ditches and not stand or run upon the road - good & substantial bridges and bridges are to be built wherever necessary and all proper and suitable water courses - the hill near the Sikes house is to be hauled down so that it shall not exceed on either side an elevation of three degrees to the horizon the low ground near the south end of the road is to be well raised up so that it may be safe & easy & convenient for the traveller in passing to & from the old road - In all other respects said road is to be made in a good, permanent & workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of June next all which is submitted -

Gideon Hiles & Seal of County  
Cyrus Knapp & Seal of Commissioners  
Linus Bagg & Seal of Judicial Court

which report being read & considered is accepted & the way therein described established as & for a County & public highway & ordered to be recorded -

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for the County of Marshall  
Hampden - The Undersigned inhabitants of the Town of Talmage  
of Springfield in said County Respectfully represent that the public Other Petitioners  
good & convenience require that Union Street should be contin- that Union  
ued across Walnut Street to Pine Street between the houses of Street be  
Linus Hubbard & David Barber in said Springfield, they therefore Continued  
pray that you would proceed to view & continue said Union  
Street above mentioned & lay out a new road from Walnut to Pine Street



as aforesaid and as in duty bound will ever pray  
 Springfield June 29<sup>th</sup> 1835

The M. Tolmage & 40 others  
 The aforesaid petition was entered at the Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty five and was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of said County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April last past at which time it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the House of Henry Macking in Springfield on Thursday the Ninth day of June next at two O'Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for and after locating to hear at said place of meeting all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town a copy of an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - the Sheriff or his Deputy will on the return hereof with his doings to Gideon Stiles one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting - James M. Crooks Chairman and this petition was continued to the meeting of said County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June last past - And pursuant to the foregoing order William H. Foster Deputy Sheriff makes the following Return

"Hampden Co. 2<sup>d</sup> May 1836 In obedience to the foregoing order I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with a true & attested copy of the Petition aforesaid & order of Notice thereon by giving him the same I also posted up abstracts containing the substance of said petition in two public places in said Town of Springfield

William H. Foster D. Sheriff

And at the meeting of said Commissioners held on the fourth Tuesday of June last aforesaid the County Commissioners make the following report - "Hampden Co June 9<sup>th</sup> 1836 The County Commissioners of said County having given Notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition in a manner as set forth in the foregoing return of the Deputy Sheriff and also having caused a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of Notice stating the time place and purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig a Newspaper published & printed in said



County the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to said time of meeting in conformity with the said Order of Notice two of said Commissioners to wit Gideon Stiles & Cyrus Phipps met at the time & place in the said Order mentioned; but James W. Crooks the other County Commissioner being an Inhabitant of & residing in the Town of Springfield where the road prayed for in the said petition is situate and therefore being unable & disqualified by law to act in the premises the said Commissioners then & there present gave notice to & summoned Simon Bagg one of the special Commissioners to appear & act upon the said petition in the place and stead of the said Crooks; and the said Bagg appearing upon such notice & summons with the standing Commissioners present as aforesaid thus constituting a board proceeded to view the route in said petition mentioned; and after viewing said route and hearing all persons & corporations interested & who chose to be heard in the premises the said board of Commissioners having duly considered the subject adjudged that in their opinion common convenience and necessity require that a new road should be laid out & established between the termini as prayed for in said petition and so report accordingly all which is submitted —

Gideon Stiles <sup>Secy</sup> County  
Cyrus Phipps <sup>Deputy</sup> Com.

Simon Bagg <sup>Secy</sup> Special Com.

Which Report being read & considered is accepted & the way adjudged of Common Convenience & necessity —

And at the meeting of said Commissioners held on the fourth Tuesday of June as last aforesaid mentioned it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on Thursday the Eleventh day of August next at two O'Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and after locating to hear all persons & corporations interested on the subject of damages also that Notice be given to all persons & corporations <sup>interested</sup> in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place & purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting — And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Springfield an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting — The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return thereof with his doings to Gideon Stiles one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks Chairman  
and in pursuance of the above order the Sheriff of said County makes the following Return "Hampden Co. July 11<sup>th</sup> 1836 By virtue of the foregoing order I have served the Town Clerk of Springfield with a true & attested copy of said petition & order of Notice thereon by giving the same to him and on the twelfth day of said July I posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition & this order thereon."

E. Rice Sheriff



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and pursuant to the foregoing order William H. Foster  
and now at this meeting the County Commissioners make the following  
Report "Hampden August 11<sup>th</sup> 1836 The County Commissioners of  
said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested  
in the foregoing petition in manner as is set forth in the foregoing  
return of the Sheriff of said County and also having caused an abstract  
of said petition containing the substance thereof and stating the time  
place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively  
in the Hampden Whig a newspaper published & printed in said  
County thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the time of  
said meeting; in conformity with the abstract so published and  
of the foregoing order two of said Commissioners to wit Gideon Stiles  
and Cyrus Knop met at the time & place in the said order and  
abstract mentioned but James W. Crooks the other County Com-  
missioner being an inhabitant of & residing in the Town of Springfield  
where the road prayed for is situated and being therefore disqualified  
by law to act in the premises the said Stiles & Knop County Com-  
missioners there & there present notified & summoned Linus Bagg one of the  
Special Commissioners to appear & act upon the said petition in the  
place & stead of the said Crooks and the said Bagg appearing  
upon such notice & summons with the standing Commissioners  
present as aforesaid and thus constituting a board proceeded to  
lay out & establish a public highway as follows to wit -  
Beginning at a stake on the east side of Walnut Street sixteen  
links from the Northwest corner of Linus Hubbards dwelling house  
and running N. 52° 35' E. three rods to a stake about fourteen  
inches from the N. E. corner of said Hubbards house; thence  
N. 63° 45' E. nineteen rods & four links to a stake thence N. 75° 20'  
E. two rods & thirteen links to pine street thence Northwesterly  
by pine street two rods & nineteen links, thence S. 63½° W. to  
Walnut Street thence southerly by Walnut Street two rods &  
sixteen links to the first mentioned stake and all the land  
included in the above bounds and description we have laid  
out and established as & for a public highway - said road is  
laid upon & over lands belonging to David Barber Linus  
Hubbard and William W. Bowles - and after locating and  
establishing said highway we heard at said place of meeting  
all persons & corporations who chose to be heard upon the  
subject of damages, and after hearing all who chose to be heard  
upon that subject we the said Board of Commissioners  
allowed and assessed damages as follows to wit to David  
Barber the sum of seventy five Dollars, the said Linus  
Hubbard expressly relinquished all claims for damages and no  
damages were claimed by said Bowles, six months are allowed  
for the owners of land to remove fences wood and other obstructions  
and impediments upon the location and said road is to be  
made to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before  
the first day of June next in the construction of said road the  
following particulars are to be observed - the travelled path is  
to be sixteen feet wide said road is to be well turned out &  
thrown up and to be properly hardened the entrance from



Walnut & Pine Streets is to be made easy and convenient and the travelled path at each end of the road where it connects with the above mentioned streets is to be wide and so as best to accommodate the traveller in passing to & from said streets - In all other respects said road is to be made in good workmanlike & substantial manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of June next all which is submitted -

Gideon Hiles & Seal County  
Cyprus Hines & Seal } Bon.  
Linus Bagg & Seal Special Com.

Which Report being read & considered is accepted and the way therein described established as & for a public highway and ordered to be recorded -

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire  
The subscribers Inhabitants of Springfield Respectfully Represent that the public convenience requires an alteration in the old County road at Lower Chichester from near the house lately owned by Moses Bliss to near the house now occupied by Silas Potter and that a new road should be laid out from some point between said houses to Cabot Street - Also that an alteration be made in a road recently laid out from Ashby's Ferry to said Old County road - Wherefore your Petitioners pray the County Commissioners to view the premises, lay out & establish a new road and make such alterations in the Cherry & Old County roads as may be deemed expedient and proper - October 1835

John Chase

Others Pet.

for an alteration

of the Old road

at Chichester

from near the

house lately

owned by

Moses Bliss

near the house

now occupied

by Silas Potter

The aforesaid Petition was ordered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred thirty five & continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of said County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June last past at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Gardner Kimball in Springfield on Wednesday the tenth day of August next at two O'Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein; And if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for and after locating to hear at said place of meeting all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order therein three weeks successively in the Republican and Journal a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Gideon Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order therein thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his



and pursuant to the foregoing order William H. Foster  
Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to Gideon  
Stiles one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting  
James W. Crooks Chairman

And the said petition was further continued to this meeting and the  
Sheriff of said County pursuant to the foregoing order makes the following  
return "Hampden ss. July 11<sup>th</sup> 1836 By virtue of the foregoing  
order I have served the Town Clerk of Springfield with a true  
attested copy of said petition and order of notice thereon by giving  
the same to him and on the twelfth day of said July I posted up  
in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the  
substance of said petition - E. Rice Sheriff

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make the  
following Report "Hampden ss. August 10<sup>th</sup> 1836 The County  
Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons &  
corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner as is  
set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and  
also having caused a copy of said petition together with the for-  
going order of notice stating the time place & purpose of the meeting  
to be published three weeks successively in the Republican and  
Journal a Newspaper published & printed in said County the  
last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the  
time of said meeting; in conformity with said order of notice  
two of said Commissioners to wit Gideon Stiles & Egus Shrop met at  
the time & place in said order mentioned but James W. Crooks  
one of the County Commissioners being an Inhabitant of &  
residing in the Town of Springfield where said road & alterations  
mentioned in said petition are situate and therefore being by  
law disqualified to act in the premises the said Commissioners  
then there present notified & summoned Linus Baggone of  
the Special Commissioners to appear & act in the place and  
stead of the said Crooks; and the said Bagg appearing upon  
such notice & summons with the standing Commissioners  
Stiles & Shrop present as aforesaid and thus constituting a  
board proceeded to view the route in said petition mentioned  
and after viewing the same and hearing all persons and  
corporations interested and who chose to be heard in the  
premises the said Commissioners having duly considered the  
subject adjudged that in their opinion common convenience  
and necessity required that a new road should be established  
from Cabot street to the Old County road near where Moses  
Bliss formerly lived and that certain alterations should be  
made in the Old County road from near said Bliss to near  
where Silas Potter now lives and also that an alteration  
should be made in the road lately laid & established from  
said Old County road to Ashley's Ferry so called and after such  
view & after having published & declared such their adjudication  
to all persons & corporations then & there present and no objection  
being made by any person or persons to the laying out of said  
new road & of laying & establishing such alterations as aforesaid  
the said Commissioners proceeded to lay out said new road and



and said alterations and accordingly did so lay out & establish the same as follows (viz) Beginning on the West side of Cobot Street and on the north side of Market Street near the Southeast corner of block No. 6. and run N.  $82\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  W. seven rods twenty one links thence South  $76\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  W. eighteen rods seventeen links to a stake then S.  $51\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  W. five rods 19 links to the old County & the alterations in the old County road is as follows (viz) Beginning at the termination of the road above described from Cobot Street and run S.  $51\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  W. 5.0 rods to a stake nearly in front of the house occupied by Silas Potter. The alteration in the road from the old County road to Ashleys Ferry is as follows (viz) Beginning at the stake as last station in the alterations of the Old County road last above described & run S.  $65^{\circ} 50'$  W. six rods thence  $70^{\circ}$  W. six rods to a point intersecting with the North line of the road lately laid from said Old road to said Ferry the foresaid new road & the Old roads as altered and above described are laid & established fifty feet wide and the lines run are the Northwesterly or right hand limits - and said road & alterations are laid upon and over lands of the Springfield Canal Company, and said Company by John Chase their Agent relinquished all damages & claims for damages and no other person or corporation was injured by said location & alterations - after a full hearing then there had upon the subject of damages two months are allowed for removing timber & other obstructions from said road - said road is to be made & finished to the acceptance of the County Commissioners in a permanent & substantial manner on or before the first day of December next all which is submitted -

Gideon Stiles Trial County  
Cyrus Thompson } Comrs  
Linus Baggshall Trial County

which Report being read & considered is accepted and the ways therein described established as for public highways & ordered to be recorded -

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at Joseph S. Hobbins Secy  
this meeting to be holden at Springfield in said County on the fourth Tuesday of December 1835  
The petition of Joseph S. Hobbins of Westfield in said County, & view a site Humbly shews that he has made extensive purchases of land on the Agawam River in West Springfield in said County with the right & privilege of using the waters of said River and has thus secured a valuable site for manufacturing purposes; that to enable him to occupy this site it is necessary that he should erect a dam across said river on Middlebrook Falls - Your petitioner would further represent that had he allowed said river in the spring of the year but in such small numbers that the passing of fish up said river will not be of so great general benefit as the leaving open a passage way in his dam will be of damage to him & to other persons - He therefore prays that a Committee may be appointed with instructions to repair to said site and view said situation & dam with authority to report that a passage way in said dam for fish is not necessary & that said Report may be accepted



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by the County Commissioners and he be forever freed from all obligations to make or keep open any passage way for fish in said dam - Westfield Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 1835 -  
Joseph J. Hobbins

The aforesaid Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty five at which meeting it was ordered that Harvey Chopin of Springfield Samuel Root of Granville & Joseph M. Forward of Southwick be a Committee with authority to repair to said site & view said situation & dam and report if such shall be their opinion that a passage way in said dam for fish is not necessary and make return of their doings to the County Commissioners at their meeting - the petitioners cause notice to be given to all persons and corporations interested by publishing a true and attested copy of said petition & order therein three weeks successively in the Democratic Herald a Newspaper printed in Westfield in said County the last publication to be at least thirty days before the next meeting of said County Commissioners to be holden at Springfield within & for said County of Hampshire on the second Tuesday of April next that they may then & there appear and shew cause if any they have why the prayer of said petition should not be granted - and this petition was continued to the meeting of said County Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April last past at which meeting the Petitioners appeared by Samuel Satterthwaite Esq. his Attorney and the Respondents appeared by George Ashmun & Norman J. Leonard Esqrs and after a hearing of the parties it was ordered by the County Commissioners that Harvey Chopin of Springfield Samuel Root of Granville & Joseph M. Forward of Southwick be a Committee with authority to repair to said site and view said situation & dam and report if such shall be their opinion that a passage way in said dam for fish is not necessary and make return of their doings to the County Commissioners at their meeting to be holden on the fourth Tuesday of June next first giving notice to all persons interested of the time and place of their meeting to attend said service and this petition was further continued to the meeting of said County Commissioners <sup>holden for said County</sup> on the fourth Tuesday of June last past at which Meeting Simon Bagge Sheriff of said County sat in said case in the room & stead of James M. Crocker, <sup>one of</sup> the standing Comm<sup>rs</sup> he being interested and at which term it was ordered that the Committee appointed in this case give notice of the time of their meeting by published in one of the Newspapers printed in Springfield thirty days before the time of their meeting and this petition was further continued to this meeting of the County Commissioners and now at this meeting of the County Commissioners the aforesaid Committee make their Report as follows - "The subscribers a Committee appointed by the foregoing warrant on the seventeenth day of June last past met at the house of James L. Fairfield



in said West Springfield in pursuance of a previous appointment  
and notice the petitioner appeared by his Counsel S. Lathrop Esq.  
persons adversely interested appeared by their Counsel Norman S.  
Leonard Esq. who objected to the sufficiency of the notice whereupon  
the Committee adjourned to meet again upon a new Notice  
on the fifth day of August last two of the Committee (viz)  
Harvey Chapin & Joseph M. Forward met at the house of said  
Fairfield pursuant to notice of the said time & place & purpose  
of said meeting given by said Committee by a publication  
thereof three weeks successively in The Hampden Whig a  
Newspaper printed in Springfield in said County the last  
publication being at least fourteen days before the time of  
meeting. The Petitioner appeared by said Lathrop his Counsel  
and persons adversely interested appeared by S. Leonard as their  
Counsel by consent of the said Counsel of the parties an adjourn-  
ment was made & publicly declared to the second day of September next  
following at Nine O'clock A.M. then to meet at the same place  
On this second day of September the Committee met, being all  
present, met pursuant to the adjournment at the house of the said  
Fairfield the Petitioner appeared by his Counsel aforesaid Jeremiah  
Moseley and Shepard appeared in person as adversely  
interested. And now the said Committee having with the said  
parties viewed the said site, situation & dam & having heard  
the said parties with their proofs & allegations and all other persons  
who chose to be heard do report that in their opinion a passage  
way for fish in the dam of the petitioner is not necessary to be  
kept open - Given under our hands the 2<sup>d</sup> day of September  
A.D. 1836

Harvey Chapin  
Joseph M. Forward } Committee  
Norman Root }

Which Report being read & considered is accepted -

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at Polatish  
their meeting to be holden at Springfield within & for said County Ashleys Pat.  
on the fourth Tuesday of December 1835 - for a Committee to  
The Petition of Polatish Ashley of West Springfield in said County to view Mill  
humbly shews that he is the owner of a Grist Mill standing on Dam  
Agawam River in West Springfield aforesaid which is of great  
value, containing four run of stones, a fulling Mill, a machine  
for carding wool and another for the carding of cotton, that he has  
built a dam across said River and has hitherto kept open a  
passage way in his dam at the proper season of the year for the  
passage of fish - Your Petitioner would further represent that  
the opening of said passage way is attended with great inconvenience  
and expense and greatly impedes the operations of his mills, not to  
his own injury only but also to those who are accustomed to transact  
business at his establishment that the number of shad & alewives  
which now annually pass through said passage way has become  
so small as to be an object of little importance to the inhabitants  
living farther up the stream and their passing up the river will



not be of so great general benefit as the leaving open a passage way in his  
dam will be of damage to him & others - He therefore prays that a  
Committee may be appointed with instructions to repair & said dam  
and view the same and that they be authorised to report that a passage  
way in said dam is not necessary and that said report may be  
accepted by the County Commissioners and he be forever freed from  
all obligations to make or keep open any passage way for fish in  
said dam - West Springfield Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 1835 Petitioned by his Att. Samuel  
Lathrop - The aforesaid Petition was entered at the meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth  
Tuesday of December last past at which meeting it was ordered  
that the Petitioner cause notice to be given to all persons & corporations  
interested by publishing a piece of a printed copy of said petition and  
order thereon three weeks successively in the Republican and  
Journal a Newspaper printed in Springfield in said County the  
last publication to be at least thirty days before the next meeting  
of the County Commissioners to be holden at Springfield within &  
for said County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April  
next that they may then & there appear and show cause if any  
they have why the prayer of said petition should not be granted  
and this petition was continued to the meeting of said County  
Commissioners held for said County on the second Tuesday of  
April last past at which meeting the Petitioner appeared by  
his Attorney Samuel Lathrop Esq. and the Respondents appeared  
by George Johnson Esq. and Norman C. Leonard Esq. and after  
hearing the parties upon said petition it was ordered by said  
County Commissioners that Harvey Chapin of Springfield, Samuel  
Root of Granville and Joseph M. Forward of Southwick be a  
Committee with authority to repair to said dam & view the same  
first giving notice to all persons interested of the time & place of this  
meeting to attend to said service and make report if such shall  
be their opinion that a passage way in said dam is not necessary  
and make report of their doings to the County Commissioners at  
their meeting to be holden on the fourth Tuesday of June next  
and this petition was further continued to the meeting of said  
County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth  
Tuesday of June last past at which meeting Simon Baggisfield  
Commissioner sat in the case in the room of James W.  
Crooks one of the standing Commissioners he being interested  
and at which meeting it was ordered that the Committee appointed  
in this case give notice of the time of their meeting by pub-  
lishing in one of the Newspapers printed in Springfield thirty  
days before the time of their meeting - and this petition  
was further continued to this meeting and at this meeting  
the aforesaid Committee made their Report as follows -  
"Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Subscribers met at the house  
of James L. Fairfield in West Springfield aforesaid on the seventeenth  
day June last past in accordance with a previous notice and  
appointment - The petition appeared by their Counsel Samuel  
Lathrop Esq. and sundry persons adversely interested appeared by



Norman J. Leonard Esq. their Counsel who objected to the sufficiency of the notice whereupon the subscribers adjourned to meet again upon a new notice. - Again on the fifth day of August last two of the Committee (viz) Harvey Chopin & Joseph M. Forward met at the house of said Fairfield said Committee having first given notice of the said time & place & purpose of said meeting by publishing a notice thereof three weeks successively the last publication thereof being fourteen days at least before the said time of meeting in the Hampden Whig a Newspaper printed in Springfield in said County - The Petitioner again appeared by S. Satterth, his Counsel and persons adversely interested also appeared by said Leonard their Counsel - By consent of Counsel of the parties an adjournment was made and publicly declared, to the second day of September the next following at Nine O. Clock A.M. then to meet at the same place - On this second day of September the Committee met (all being present) pursuant to adjournment at the house of said Fairfield - The Petitioner appeared by his Counsel aforesaid and Jeremiah Mosley & Shepard adversely interested appeared in person - And the said Committee having previously with the said named parties viewed said site, situation on & dam and more after hearing the several proofs, pleas & allegations of the said parties and of all others who chose to be heard do report that in their opinion a passage way for fish in the dam of the said Pelotiah Ashley is not necessary to be kept open - Given under our hands the 2<sup>d</sup> day of September A.D. 1836

Harvey Chopin }  
Jos. M. Forward } Committee  
Samuel Root }

which report being read & considered accepted by the County Commissioners

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden - Joshua  
Respectfully represent the undersigned that an alteration in the road by & others  
County road leading from the Upper watersheds in Springfield Pot. for alteration  
near the house of Abisha Washburn is greatly needed - Therefore of road in  
your petitioners pray the Commissioners to view & make such Springfield  
alterations as may be for the general good & common convenience  
and such parts of the old road discontinued as may be unnecessary  
by said alterations - June 27<sup>th</sup> 1836 Joshua Crosby & others -  
The aforesaid petition was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners  
helden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June  
last past at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners  
meet at the Court House in Springfield on Friday the twelfth  
day of August next at Eight O. Clock in the forenoon for the purpose  
of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and  
after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein  
and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience  
& necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for and after locating  
to hear of said place of meeting all persons & corporations interested  
upon the subject of damages - Also ordered that notice be given to  
all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing a



copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in  
the Hampshire Whig a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication  
to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - and it is  
further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the  
Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and  
this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public  
places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said  
petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting  
The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return thereof with his doings  
to Gideon Stiles one of said Commissioners at or before the time of  
said meeting.

James W. Crooks Chairman  
and this petition was continued to this Meeting - and the  
Sheriff of said County pursuant to the foregoing order makes the  
following return - "Hampden Co. July 11<sup>th</sup> 1836. By virtue of  
the foregoing order I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with  
a true and attested copy of said petition and order of notice  
thereon by giving the same to him and on the twelfth day of  
said July I posted up in two public places in said Town an  
abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff -  
and now at this meeting the County Commissioners make  
the following Report - "Hampden Co. August 12<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1836  
The County Commissioners of said County having given  
notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing  
petition in manner as set forth in the foregoing return of the  
Sheriff of said County - And also having caused a copy of said petition  
together with the foregoing Order of Notice stating the time place and  
purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in  
the Hampshire Whig a Newspaper published & printed in said County  
the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous  
to the said time of meeting in conformity with the said order of  
Notice so published two of said Commissioners to wit Gideon Stiles  
and Cyrus Knox met at the time & place in the said order  
mentioned but James Crooks the other County Commissioner  
being an Inhabitant & residing in the Town of Springfield where  
the road & alterations prayed for in said petition are situate and  
therefore being disqualified by law to act on said petition, the  
said Commissioners Stiles and Knox then there present as aforesaid  
notified & summoned Simon Bagg one of the Special Commissioners  
to appear & act on said petition in the place & stead of the said  
Crooks and the said Bagg appearing upon such notice & summons  
with the said Stiles & Knox and thus constituting a Board  
proceeded to view the road set forth and alterations prayed for  
in said petition and after viewing the premises & hearing all  
persons & Corporations interested who chose to be heard in the  
premises and having duly considered the subject matter of  
said petition the said Commissioners were of opinion and  
accordingly adjudged that Common Convenience & necessity  
require that an alteration should be made in the road as prayed  
for in said petition between the top of the hill South of the



Upper Water shop and the pine woods a few rods southerly of the house of Abisha Washburn Jr. and the said Commissioners proceeded forthwith to lay out & establish an alteration in the said road or highway and accordingly did lay out and establish the same as follows to wit,

Beginning at a fence post standing at the southeasterly corner of Abisha Washburn Jr. house lot and run from thence North  $57^{\circ}$  West fifteen rods & seventeen links to the most southerly of two black oak trees standing in front of northeasterly of said Washburn's dwelling house then the same point of course eighteen rods & eight links to intersect with the Doct. White road (so called) the road thus far is laid three rods wide and on the northerly side of said line run then North  $33^{\circ}$  East three rods across the road to a stake on the northerly side of said road then North  $57^{\circ}$  West until it intersects with the aforesaid Doctor White road and we have laid all the land for highway which lies between the last mentioned line and the said Doctor White road - then began at the first mentioned fence post & run South  $57^{\circ}$  East to intersect with the road as heretofore laid and the road to be three rods wide and on the northerly side of the line as run - And we have established and laid the same as a public highway and discontinued & marked of the old road as is rendered unnecessary by reason of the above described location & alteration, the said road as altered & established passes upon & over lands of David Ames, Abisha Washburn Jr. Joshua Crosby, Lemmon Spener, Atherton Goodwin, George Gardner and the heirs of Ebenezer Bliss deceased - and after hearing all persons & corporations who chose to be heard upon the subject of damages we assessed & allowed damages as follows (viz) To Abisha Washburn Jr. two dollars; no other persons were injured by the location of said road and no other person or persons claimed damages Six months are allowed the owners of lands for removing fences and other obstructions, said road as altered and established is to be constructed & made in good & workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of May next all which is submitted -

Gideon Stiles Secy of County  
Egbert Inman & Seal Com.  
Linus Bagg & Seal Special Com.

which report being read & considered is accepted by the County Commissioners and the ways established as for public highways

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
The petition of Alexander Bliss of Springfield in the County of  
Hampden shows that on the third day of March now last past  
the Selectmen of the Town of Springfield laid out a highway  
or road over & through the land of your petitioner as follows (viz) Beginning  
at a stake standing on the westerly side of Maple Street  
at the intersection of Maple & Court Street and running thence  
S.  $46^{\circ}$  W. on land of Allen & Barber, Alexander Bliss & Mrs. Thankful  
Colton eighty rods to Moore Street, running the line on the northerly  
side of the road and laid the same three rods wide - And the said

Alexander  
Bliss Pet.  
for a jury or  
Committee

best estimate  
Damages



Selectmen thereof on the Ninth day of the same Month at a Town meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town regularly warned and convened pursuant to a warrant for that purpose made a report of their laying out of said road and their doings in that behalf to the said Town and the Town of said upon the hearing of said Report accepted the same & then there approved & allowed the way laid out as aforesaid & established the same as for a Town way. And your Petitioner further requests that he feels injured by the laying out of said road or way over and through his land that he has received no recompense for his land taken for said road. Your Petitioner therefore prays that a jury may be summoned to enquire into the damages he may have sustained in that behalf or a Committee of the parties interested may agree pursuant to the Statute in that behalf made & provided  
Springfield Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 1835  
Alfred Bliss

The aforesaid Petition was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners held for said County on the first Tuesday of October last past when it was ordered that the petitioner cause notice to be given to the Inhabitants of the Town of Springfield of the pendency of said Petition by serving the Town Clerk of said Town of Springfield with a true and attested copy of said Petition and this order within thirty days at least before the next meeting of the County Commissioners to be holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December next that they may then & there appear & show cause if any they have why the prayer of said petition should not be granted and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and now on motion of William Bliss Esq Attorney for said Petitioner that said petition be dismissed It is ordered that said Petition be dismissed

John J. Canbula - To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at their next meeting on the fourth Tuesday of June 1836

Shews the Petition of John J. Canbula of North Springfield in said County that he is the tenant & occupant of a store in said Town where for a series of years spirituous liquors have been sold under a license granted according to Law that your petitioners applied for the renewal or granting of the license to the Selectmen of the said Town who have unreasonably neglected & refused to make or deliver a certificate of approbation & recommendation to said Canbula to enable him to obtain a license. Your Petitioner avers that he has given twelve hours and more notice of his intention to apply to the County Commissioners at present meeting of the board. he also avers that the public good requires that the license prayed for should be granted and therefore prays that a license may be granted to him according to Law he feeling himself aggrieved by the refusal of the said Selectmen -  
John J. Canbula

The aforesaid was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June last and continued to this term and now it is ordered by the County Commissioners that said petition be dismissed



Ordered that James W. Crooks and William Bliss Esqrs be and they Committee hereby are appointed a Committee to settle with the County Treasurer & settle with County Treasr.

John Baldwin is licensed as an Undertaker of the town house of Otis License  
Dunish in Springfield

Ordered that the jailer be allowed from the first day of April last Board of Prisoners in Jail  
per the sum of Two Dollars per week for the board of Prisoners in jail

Ordered that William H. Foster be and he is hereby appointed Master Master of the  
of the House of Corrections in this County in the place of Harvey Chopin House of Correction  
resigned

The following Accounts against the County were presented to and Accounts  
allowed by the County Board of Commissioners & ordered to be paid out Allowed  
of the County Treasury (vds)

William H. Foster for board of Prisoners in Jail	\$75.40
Chauncy Chopin for 3 cords of wood @ 9.00 one day work 2.25 with labor 32.25	11.25
Orange Chopin for survey roads & making returns	6.00
George W. Gallender Binding Books for Probate	2.00
Elias Rice Serving Orders of Notice for Comm. &c	32.21
John Ingersoll Copying Accounts to Treasr. &c	5.01
James W. Crooks for paying Dennis Crooks bill	6.00
do. do. do for services as Agent for the County on	
Petition of Thaddeus Taylor & others for Extension	14.00
James W. Crooks for 2 1/2 cords of wood at \$2. p. cord	5.00
Carrier & Lewis for 7 pair of Blinds at \$3.25	22.75
Theodore Bliss for Lumber for repairs of Board of Jail	55.64
Amosa Parsons work getting up wood, &c at Holbrook	
Attending S. J. Court &c per bill	19.36

Hampden Co. Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1836 Judgment is entered up According to  
Reports &c and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued  
to the next meeting and this meeting is adjourned without day  
Attest John Ingersoll Clerk



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun &

helden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December being the twenty seventh day of said Month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty six and from day to day to the 30<sup>th</sup> day of said month

By James M. Crocker Esqr. Chairman  
Gideon Stiles Esqr. } Commissioners  
Cyrus Knox Esqr. }

**Selection of** To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
**Montgomery** The Inhabitants of the Town of Montgomery in said County  
**Pet. for an** respectfully represent to your honors that the county road leading  
**Alteration of a** from Westfield through Montgomery to Norwich is very steep and  
**Road from** ledgy and bad to keep in repair and in our opinion an alteration  
**Westfield through** may be made to great advantage to rise or fall the mountains  
**Montgomery** which will be a great advantage & benefit to the public, said alteration  
**to Norwich line** to commence in Westfield a few rods from the line on Salmon Phelps' land to Montgomery line then on Betsey Squire's land then on Sylvester or Peter Squire's land to the old road then on the old road a few rods then on Joseph S. Allen's land to near his house then on the old road with some few alterations to near Oliver Moore's then on lands belonging to the following persons (viz) Oliver Moore Amos M. Wheeler, Samuel Loomis, James Cloth, Thomas B. Avery, Eliza Loffingwell & Edward Taylor & intersect the old road near Norwich line. We therefore pray that the Honorable Commissioners would view said Route & make such alterations as may be thought just & reasonable in any part of the whole said route

Moses Parks }  
Edward Taylor } Selectmen of  
William Squire } Montgomery

The aforesaid Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three & continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of said County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty six at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Oliver Moore in Montgomery on the twenty eighth day of July next at Nine O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for and after locating to hear at said place of meeting all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of



said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in the  
Hampden Whig a Newspaper printed in said County the last publi-  
cation to be fourteen at least before the time of said meeting and it  
is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve  
the Town Clerks of Montgomery & Westfield with an Attested copy  
of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up  
in two public places in said towns respectively an Abstract containing  
the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the  
time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return  
hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at  
or before the time of said meeting - James W. Crooks Chairman  
and this petition was further continued to the meeting said County  
Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October  
last past - and the Sheriff pursuant to the foregoing order makes  
the following return - "Hampden June 10<sup>th</sup> 1836 By virtue of the  
within order I served the Town Clerks of Westfield & Montgomery  
each with a true & attested copy of the within petition & order of Notice  
thereon by giving the same to them and also posted up in two  
public places in each of said towns an abstract containing the substance  
of said petition - Colab Rice Sheriff

At which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners  
made the following Report - "Hampden July 28<sup>th</sup> 1836 The  
County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all  
persons & Corporations interested in the foregoing petition as set forth  
in the foregoing return of the Sheriff and also having caused a  
Copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of Notice stating  
the time place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks  
successively in the Hampden Whig a newspaper printed in said  
County the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days  
previous to the said time of meeting in conformity with said order  
of notice met at the time & place in said order mentioned and  
pursuant to the same proceeded to view the premises and the  
road set forth in said petition and after viewing the same and  
hearing all persons & Corporations who chose to be heard upon the  
subject matter of said petition - adjudged that in their Opinion common  
convenience & necessity require that certain alterations should be made  
in the old road together with certain repairs thereon between the  
line of the Town of Westfield and the line of the Town of Norwich  
and so report Accordingly - all which is submitted

James W. Crooks Secy of County  
Gideon Hiles & Secy } Com.  
Cyrenus Knapp & Secy

which report being read & considered is accepted -

And at which said last mentioned meeting it was ordered that said  
Commissioners meet at the house of Oliver Moore in Montgomery on  
the nineteenth day of November next at Eleven O. Clock in the fore-  
noon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said  
petition and after locating to hear all persons & Corporations interested  
upon the subject of damages Also that Notice be given to all persons  
and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract



of said petition and a notice of the time & place & purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Montgomery with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting and this petition was further continued to this Meeting and the Sheriff pursuant to the foregoing order makes the following return

"Hampden Co. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 1836 I have served the Town Clerk of Montgomery with a true and attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon by giving the same to him and also caused an abstract containing the substance of said petition to be posted up in two public places in said Town - E. Rice Sheriff and now at this Meeting the County Commissioners make the following report, "Hampden Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 1836

The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner as set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also having caused an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof together with an order of notice stating the time place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig a newspaper printed and published in said County the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the time appointed for said meeting - In conformity with said order of notice a published as aforesaid met at the time & place therein mentioned and appointed and proceeded to lay out & establish certain alterations in the road or highway in said petition mentioned and to direct and specify certain repairs in said road and accordingly laid out & established the same as follows to wit, Beginning at a point on the old County road a few rods west of the Snow Bridge so called in Montgomery and running S. 45° E. to a small white pine tree marked standing on the west bank of the brook about 1 1/2 rods north of the west end of the bridge & thence run on lands of Edward Taylor Esq. S. 31° E. 5 rods to a black birch tree standing on a rock on the east bank of the brook thence S. 53° E. 13 rods 12 links to a hemlock tree marked - then N. 88° E. 4 rods 20 links to a hemlock marked then N. 88° 30' E. 6 rods 20 links to a hemlock marked to lands of Elisha Leffingwell thence N. 76° E. 3 rods 4 links to a hemlock marked then N. 67° 30' E. 6 rods 19 links to a hemlock marked then N. 52° 3' E. 6 rods 16 links to a hemlock marked thence N. 37° E. 5 rods to a hemlock marked then N. 15° E. 4 rods to a hemlock marked then N. 37° 30' E. 4 rods to a hemlock marked - then N. 40° 30' E. 5 rods 16 links to a hemlock marked - then N. 80° 30' E. 5 rods 4 links to a hemlock marked thence N. 50° 30' E.



7 rods 6 links to a hemlock marked then N. 67° E. 3 rods 16 links to a  
beech tree marked then N. 71° E. 9 rods to a hemlock marked then N.  
74° 30' E. 8 rods 11 links to a hemlock marked then N. 73° E. 6 rods 10 links  
to a hemlock marked then N. 70° E. 6 rods 3 links to a beech marked  
then N. 87° 30' E. 5 rods 18 links to a soft maple marked then S. 79° 30'  
E. 7 rods to a hemlock marked then S. 74° 30' E. 5 rods 21 links to a  
hemlock marked then S. 53° E. 2 rods to land of Dea. Zenas Clothier  
then S. 53° E. 3 rods 18 links to a hemlock marked then S. 38° 30' E. 2  
rods 18 links to a hemlock marked then S. 41° E. 3 rods to a hemlock  
marked then S. 30° 30' E. 8 rods 7 links to a chestnut tree marked by  
the open pasture land then S. 19° E. 9 rods 10 links to a chestnut  
marked then S. 30° E. 3 rods 11 links to a maple & points marked then  
S. 37° E. 20 rods to a wild cherry tree marked then S. 33° E. 16 rods to a  
road then same course 2 rods to land of David Brown then same  
course 3 rods to a boxwood tree marked then S. 46° E. 21 rods 5 links  
to a maple stub marked then S. 45° 30' E. 15 rods to a maple marked  
then S. 57° E. 22 rods 12 links to a maple marked then S. 44° 30' E.  
13 rods 15 links to a maple marked then S. 42° E. 13 rods 21 links  
to a maple marked then S. 24° E. 13 rods 20 links to a butternut  
tree marked then S. 13° 30' E. 29 rods 14 links to a maple marked  
then S. 43° E. 8 rods 11 links to a dead hemlock marked then S. 51°  
30' E. 14 rods 17 links to a chestnut stump marked to land of Amos  
M. Wheeler then S. 51° E. 10 rods 19 links to a rock with a pile of stones  
upon it on land of said Wheeler then S. 32° E. 10 rods to land of Oliver  
Moore then same course 1 rod 4 links to a butternut marked  
then S. 60° E. 5 rods 21 links to a chestnut marked then S. 55° E.  
6 rods 6 links to a chestnut marked then S. 46° 30' E. 12 rods 9 links  
to a chestnut marked then S. 36° E. 7 rods 10 links to a chestnut marked  
then S. 40° E. 13 rods to a small white oak marked then S. 10° E. 24  
rods 16 links to a chestnut marked then S. 16° E. 8 rods 9 links to a small  
chestnut marked then S. 11° E. 31 rods to a chestnut marked then S. 17°  
E. 9 rods 21 links to a chestnut marked then S. 20° E. 10 rods to a stake  
with stones upon it then S. 15° E. 35 rods to a post in the fence marked  
on the Northerly side of the old County road - the line above is  
the Northeasterly or left hand limits and the road is laid six rods  
wide on lands of Edward Taylor & Elisha Leffingwell & four rods  
wide on lands of Dea. Zenas Clothier David Brown Amos M. Wheeler &  
Oliver Moore - then commenced an alteration of said old County  
road between said Oliver Moore's house & the meetinghouse  
beginning at a stake at the east end of the wall on land of Nelson  
Bosworth & run thence on land of Coradon N. & Oliver E. Wheeler  
S. 54° E. 40 rods to a chestnut marked to land of Col. Oram Pather then  
S. 35° E. 13 rods 10 links to a chestnut marked then S. 22° 40' E. 14 rods to  
a chestnut marked to land of Nathan Chapman then S. 27° E. 20  
rods to a stake then S. 6° E. 23 rods to a stake to land of Flavins Moore  
then S. 16° E. 62 rods to said old road to a bar post which is on a bearing  
S. 76° E. 15 rods 10 links from the S. E. corner of Flavins Moore's dwelling house  
the line run in the alteration last above described is the Northeasterly  
or left hand limits and the road is laid four rods wide - The Commissioners  
have also ordered & directed that the old road be thoroughly & substantially repaired



by widening the travelled path and removing large stones <sup>therefrom</sup> and by making good & sufficient ditches on the sides and sluices & watercourses wherever the safety & convenience of travel require it in all places along the old road between the Westfield & Norwich lines except where said road has been altered as above mentioned & described said road as altered & established is laid upon & across lands of Edward Taylor Elisha Leffingwell Zenas Claiborne David Crow Amos M. Wheeler Oliver Moore Coradon N. & Oliver C. Wheeler Flavins Moore Otis Parker Nathan Chapman & Pliny Moore - And after hearing all persons and corporations upon the subject of damages who chose to be heard in the premises we assessed & allowed damages as follows (vid)

To Edward Taylor one Dollar	\$1.00
To Elisha Leffingwell one Dollar	1.00
To Zenas Claiborne one Dollar	1.00
To David Crow one hundred & thirty four Dollars	134.00
To Amos M. Wheeler Twenty six Dollars	26.00
To Oliver Moore One hundred & seventy three Dollars	173.00
To Flavins Moore one dollar	1.00
To Coradon N. & Oliver C. Wheeler one Dollar	1.00
To Otis Parker one Dollar	1.00
To Nathan Chapman Eight Dollars	8.00
To Pliny Moore one Dollar	1.00

No other persons were injured by laying out & establishing the foregoing alterations in said road - Eight Months are allowed to owners of wood & timber <sup>of lands</sup> taken for said to remove timber and other obstructions from the location - and until the first day of April next to remove obstructions from other lands on said road said road is to be constructed in a useful substantial and workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of July in the year eighteen hundred & thirty eight - In the construction of said road the following are some of the particulars to be observed a new Bridge is to be built upon or near the site of the present Crow Bridge so called which is to be fourteen feet wide for travel - good & substantial stone abutments are to be built & said bridge is to be covered with sound three inch planks & furthermore said bridge is to be built in a permanent, substantial & durable manner - The travelled path of the road is to be eighteen feet wide except in some places where that width would be impracticable in which case it may be made 16 feet wide & provision of good & capacious ditches on the sides - one side fills the road is to be worked highest on the outer or down hill side of the road all stumps roots & stones are to be dug up & removed before the bed of the road is formed and all ledges are to be well covered with earth so made secure against washing and the action of water - All water courses, sluices & small bridges are to be thoroughly built where the same are necessary - good & substantial walls or shoring of timber are to be built on all side hills where the safety & permanency of the road require it the road is to be made sufficiently draining and so constructed that the water shall pass directly



into the ditches - good sailing to be placed in all places where necessary for the safety of the traveller - all knolls & hills are to be reduced as far as practicable & low & wet places raised. The road is to be worked on such parts of the location as will render the ascent the most easy & gradual and the descent generally not to exceed four degrees elevation except in some places where it may be impracticable to bring the road that degree of elevation liberty is given to David Crow & Oliver Moore to make dry bridges across the road on their farms to accommodate their pastures with water. The low ground in the marsh is to be raised by logs, timber & earth so as to be hard & dry in all other respects said road is to be constructed in a permanent substantial & workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of July 1830 - We have estimated the expense of new road and of constructing the same at the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars and hereby order that a part of the expense of making said road to wit the sum of seven hundred & fifty dollars be paid out of the County Treasury to the Town of Montgomery whenever said road is properly finished & shall have been accepted by the County Commissioners at that season in office all which is submitted

James W. Crook & Seal  
Gideon Stiles & Seal } County  
Egbert Shoop & Seal } Com. 17

which report being read & considered is accepted the way established as for a public highway

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at their meeting to be holden at Springfield within & for said County on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1835 - The subscribers would respectfully represent that the road leading from Westfield green to Springfield Bridge across Connecticut River as the same is now established on Petition of is worked and in many places very narrow, sandy & hilly and may easily be altered with very little expense & much for the advantage of the public and of individuals - they therefore pray that the alterations in the highway in the towns of Westfield & West Springfield as above prayed for may be made

Oct. 3. 1835

Roswell Shing & others

The aforesaid petition was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty five and was continued from meeting to the meeting of said Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April last past at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of J. M. Parsons in Westfield on the twentieth day of May next at Nine O. Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity to proceed to locate the road & the alterations prayed for and after locating to hear all said place of meeting all persons and corporations upon the subject of damages - Also Ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by



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publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Hampshire Whig a News Paper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerks of Westfield & West Springfield each with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said towns respectively a copy of an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting -

James W. Crooksh Chairman  
and this petition was further continued to the meeting of said County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Monday of June last past and William H. Foster a Deputy Sheriff makes his return as follows "Hampden Co 19 April 1836 pursuant to the within order I have served the Town Clerks of Westfield and West Springfield each with a true & attested copy of said petition and order of Notice thereon by leaving the same at their dwelling houses - I also posted up two copies of the same in two public places in each of said towns - William H. Foster D. Sheriff

At which said last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners made their report as follows "Hampden Co May 20<sup>th</sup> 1836 on the petition of said the County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition as set forth in the foregoing return of the Deputy Sheriff and also having caused a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of Notice stating the time place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampshire Whig a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the said time of meeting - In conformity with the said order of Notice met at the time & place in said order mentioned and pursuant to the same proceeded to view the route & road set forth in said petition and after viewing the same and hearing all persons & corporations who chose to be heard in the premises adjudged that in their opinion common convenience & necessity require that certain alterations should be made in old road by widening the same in some places and also that some repairs should be made in the old road in certain places between the termini and so report accordingly - all which is submitted - James W. Crooksh Seal

Gidson Hiles & Seal } County  
Ephraim Threl & Seal } Comrs

which report being read & considered is accepted & the alterations adjudged of common convenience & necessity - And at which last mentioned meeting holden in June last past it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of J. L. Fairfield in West Springfield on Friday the twenty eighth day of October next at Nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and after locating the road



all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages Also that notice  
be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing  
an abstract of said petition & a notice of the time & place & purpose of said  
meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig & Springfield  
Garrett Newspapers printed in said County the last publication to be  
fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting And it is further  
ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town  
Clerks of Westfield & West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition  
and this order thereon thirty days at least & post up in two public  
places in said towns respectively an abstract containing the substance  
of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting  
The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings  
to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said  
meeting

James W. Enoch Chairman  
and this petition was further continued from meeting to meeting  
to this meeting and pursuant to the foregoing order the Sheriff of said  
County makes the following return "Hampden Sept. 21. 1836 I served  
the Town Clerks of Westfield & West Springfield each with a true & attested  
copy of this petition & order of notice thereon by leaving the same at the  
dwelling house of the Clerk in Westfield & giving the same to the  
Clerk of West Springfield and also posted up in two public places in  
each of said towns an abstract containing the substance of said  
petition

E. Rice Sheriff

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make the  
following report "Hampden Oct. 20. 1836 The County Commissioners  
of said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested  
in the foregoing petition as is set forth in the foregoing return of the  
Sheriff of said County and also having caused an abstract of said  
petition containing the substance thereof together with an order of notice  
stating the time & place & purpose of the meeting to be published three  
weeks successively in the Hampden Whig & Springfield Gazette two  
Newspapers printed & published in said County the last publication  
thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the time appointed  
for said meeting - In conformity with the said order of notice met  
at the time & place in said order mentioned and proceeded to  
locate lay out & establish certain alterations and to designate  
and specify certain repairs to be made in the said road or highway  
described in said petition and accordingly established the same  
as follows to wit, "Beginning on land of Daniel Smith in West Springfield  
as a stake on the westerly side of the old road leading by said Smiths  
house & near the junction of said road with the main or County road  
and run S. 63° W. 17 rods 5 links to an ash tree marked then S. 61° W.  
36 1/2 rods to the most northerly of a cluster of six chestnut trees then  
S. 75° W. 5 rods 10 links to a chestnut tree marked then S. 68° W. to  
the east line of the present road and all the land lying between  
the easterly side of the present travelled road and the line run as  
above described we have taken for highway the next alterations are  
in the Town of Westfield beginning on land of Maj. George Teylor &  
in front of the late dwelling house of Paulus Teylor Esq. & run  
as a stake by the fence and on a course running N. 24 W. from the



Southwesterly corner of little river bridge stemming from said stone  
 N.  $24^{\circ}$  W. 4 rods to stone then N.  $30^{\circ}$  W. 2 rods 10 links to stone then  
 N.  $45^{\circ}$  W. 4 rods 13 links to stone on the Northwest line of said Saylor  
 lot then same course one rod four links on land of Samuel  
 Arnold to the old road - then beginning at a stone by the  
 garden fence of Capt. John Mather & run N.  $68^{\circ}$  W. 2 rods 22  
 links on said Mather's land and on the same course four  
 rods 23 links on land of Jeremiah Mosely to the Northwesterly side  
 of an old well and we have taken all the land lying between  
 the Southwesterly side of the old road & the line above described for  
 highway - then beginning at a post on the Northwesterly side of the  
 road by land of said Mosely & opposite the house of Hiram  
 Morrison and run thence N.  $76^{\circ}$  W. 7 rods 21 links on land of  
 said Mosely to a stone - then N.  $71^{\circ}$  W. 7 rods 9 links on land  
 of Rhoda Ballantine to a stone - then N.  $65^{\circ} 30'$  W. 14 rods 10  
 links on land of Roland Taylor to a stone - then N.  $65^{\circ}$  W.  
 7 rods 6 links on land of Abner Post, then N.  $50^{\circ}$  W. 4 rods then  
 N.  $40^{\circ}$  W. 4 rods 6 links on said Post's land to a stone then same  
 course 2 rods 10 links on land of Jeremiah Mosely then same  
 course 3 rods 13 links on land belonging to the Town of Kaffee  
 to the North line of the old or present travelled road and we  
 have taken all the land lying between the North side of the  
 old road and the line last above run for highway and we  
 have accordingly widened the old road & laid & established the  
 above alterations in the same. In the construction of the road  
 where the above alterations are made the following particulars are to  
 be observed - the travelled path is to be at least twenty feet wide to be  
 well raised and made sufficiently crowning in order that the water  
 shall run or drain upon the road but pass directly into the ditches  
 all low & wet places are to be raised by earth from the sides of the road  
 or from higher grounds, and good & sufficient ditches, sluices and  
 watercourses are to be made wherever they or any of them may be  
 necessary; by Daniel Smith's land the road is to be worked as  
 near the North east line as may be practicable - all low & wet  
 places and all sandy places in every part of the old road between  
 the termini are to be thoroughly repaired & properly hardened  
 and where the travelled path is inconveniently narrow the  
 same is to be widened particularly between Morleys Bridge  
 and Miller's hill in West Springfield - Miller's hill so called is  
 to be reduced so that the ascent or elevation shall not exceed  
 in any place five degrees to the horizon the ascent of the hill  
 should commence near the old house now or formerly owned  
 by Lieut. Miller and the road at the foot of the hill should be  
 raised several feet by hauling earth from the sides of the road and  
 from the hill; The hill west of Charles Ely's Store is to be removed  
 at the summit and other places on the hill to be thoroughly repaired  
 between the foot of said hill & the Blacksmith's shop the travel path to be  
 twenty feet wide being the width required in all places where repairs  
 or improvements are necessary for the convenience and safety of travel  
 In all other respects said road is to be thoroughly made, worked and



reported in a substantial & workmanlike manner for the ease safety & convenience of the public travel and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of September next - And after hearing persons & Corporations interested upon the subject of damages whose lands were taken for said road or highway and who chose to be heard in the premises we assessed & allowed damages to the following named persons

(vov) To John Mather four Dollars — 4.00  
" George Taylor Thirteen Dollars — 13.00  
" Jeremiah Mosely Ten Dollars — 10.00  
" Rhoda Ballantine Eight Dollars — 8.00  
" Roland Taylor Twelve Dollars — 12.00  
" Abner Post Fifteen Dollars — 15.00  
" Daniel Smith Twenty Dollars — 20.00  
" Samuel Arnold one dollar — 1.00  
and to the Town of Westfield one dollar 1.00

Until the first day of April next is allowed to the owners of lands for removing fences, trees & other obstructions from the location all which is submitted —

James W. Crooks & Seal  
Gideon Stiles & Seal  
Cyrus Knapp & Seal

County  
Comrs

which report being read & considered is accepted and the alterations established as & for a public highway

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
Respectfully represent your petitioners that a public road is much wanted commencing at the County road leading from Westfield to Montgomery at a point near the house of widow Potione Gaylord in Westfield thence in a southeasterly direction across the plains to the Bushes notch road so called at a point near the notch and from said Bushes notch road at such point or shall be thought best and in the location most suitable to Ashleys ferry in West Springfield - they pray therefore that a view of the route may be had and a road be laid out and constructed as soon as conveniently may be or make such alterations in roads already established as the public interest may require Dated August 6th 1835 (Sturges Upson & others)

Prood in  
Westfield &  
West Springfield  
on Pet<sup>n</sup> of  
Sturges Upson  
& others from  
W. Potione  
Gaylor in  
Westfield through  
Barker notch  
& Ashleys ferry  
West Springfield  
id

The aforesaid petition was ordered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five & continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of said Commissioners on the second Tuesday of April last past at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Sturges Upson in Westfield on the twenty sixth day of July next at eight o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after hearing all persons & corporations interested therein and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for and after locating to hear at said place of meeting all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing



a copy of said petition & his order thereon three weeks summarily in the  
Hampden Whig a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication  
to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting and it is further  
ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town  
Clerks of Westfield & West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition  
and this order thereon thirty days at least & post up in two public places  
in said towns respectively an abstract containing the substance of  
said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting  
The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings  
to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said  
meeting

James M. Crocker Chairman  
and this petition was further continued from meeting to meeting to the  
meeting of said Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday  
of October last past and pursuant to the foregoing order the Sheriff  
makes the following return "Hampden ss June 10<sup>th</sup> 1836 By virtue  
of the within order I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with a true &  
attested copy of this petition & order of notice thereon by giving the  
same to him and also posted ~~up~~ in two public places in said  
Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition and on the  
20<sup>th</sup> day of said June I served the Town Clerk of West Springfield with a  
true and attested copy of this petition & order of notice thereon by  
giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places  
in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition  
C. Rice Sheriff

at which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners  
made the following report. "Hampden ss July 26<sup>th</sup> 1836 The County  
Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons &  
corporations interested in the foregoing petition as set forth in the  
foregoing return of the Sheriff and also having caused a copy  
of said petition together with the foregoing order of notice being the  
time place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks  
summarily in the Hampden Whig a Newspaper printed in said  
County the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days  
previous to the said time of meeting; In compliance with the said  
order of notice met at the time & place in said order mentioned  
and pursuant to the same proceeded to view the route set forth in  
said petition and after viewing the same and hearing all persons  
and corporations who chose to be heard in the premises adjudged  
that in their opinion common convenience & necessity require  
that a new road should be laid out & established from near the  
house of Widow Potimie Gaylord to intersect the bushes notch  
road so called at some point between Clay hill and the X.  
so called and so report accordingly - all which is submitted

James M. Crocker & Seal  
Gideon Stiles & Seal  
Cyrus Shove & Seal

which report being read & considered was accepted and the road  
adjudged of common convenience & necessity - and at the last  
mentioned meeting of said Commissioners holden as aforesaid in  
October it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of



Hurges Upson in Westfield on Friday the fourth day of November next  
at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate  
according to the prayer of said petition and after notifying to hear all  
persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also  
that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said  
petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice  
of the time & place & purpose of said meeting three weeks successively  
in the Hampden Whig & the Republican & Journal Newspapers printed  
in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before  
the time of said meeting - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff  
of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Westfield  
with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon thirty days  
at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract  
containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least  
before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will  
make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Com-  
missioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crocker Chairman

And this petition was further continued to this meeting and in  
pursuance to the foregoing order the Sheriff makes the following return.  
"Hampden Co. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 1836 I have served the Town Clerk of Westfield  
with a true & attested copy of this petition and order notice thereon  
by leaving the same at his dwelling house and also posted up in  
two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance  
of said petition.

E. Rice Sheriff

And now at this Meeting the County Commissioners make the  
following Report - "Hampden Co. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 1836 The County Com-  
missioners of said County having given notice to all persons and  
Corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner as it  
is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and  
also having caused an abstract of said petition containing the  
substance thereof together with an order of notice stating the time  
place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks suc-  
cessively in the Hampden Whig & the Republican & Journal  
two Newspapers printed & published in said County the last  
publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the  
time appointed for said meeting - In conformity with said  
order of notice so published as aforesaid met at the time and  
place therein mentioned & appointed & proceeded to lay out and  
establish a way or road as prayed for in said petition & accordingly  
laid & established the same as follows to wit: Beginning at a stake  
near the turn of the road a few rods North of the Widow Gaylords house so  
called and run S. 60° E. 23 rods to a stake & stones, then run S. 65° E. 24 rods  
up limbs to a poplar tree marked then S. 56 3/4° E. 13 rods then on the same  
course 75 rods on land of Oath Williams then same course 21 rods  
nine limbs on land of Charles Lee then same course 20 rods on land  
of Alpheus Strong & sons then same course 70 rods on land of Oniah  
Proost to the Southwest side of the Abbley road so called near the foot  
of the hill North of the feeder bridge then following said Abbley road  
to meet the top of Mill Pond Hill and then beginning on land of



Caleb Williams and running South  $83\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  East on the North east line of said Williams land 64 rods to a maple tree then  $42^{\circ}$  S. 12 rods to the North corner of said road then same course 5 rods on land of said Williams then same course 7 rods 15 links on land of William Noble then same course 13 rods on land of Sewall & William Dewey to the Bushy patch road so called leading from the Clay hill to the X. The line above run is the Northern or left hand limits of the road and said road is laid three rods wide upon & over lands of Peter Williams, Charles Lee Alpheus Strong sons Rodney Upson Enock Root Caleb Williams William Noble Sewall & William Dewey and heirs of Samuel Taylor deceased.

And after hearing all persons & corporations on the subject of damage we assessed & allowed damages to the following persons (viz)

To the heirs of Samuel Taylor dec <sup>d</sup> .	four dollars	34.00
" Peter Williams	Seven Dollars	7.00
" Charles Lee	four dollars	4.00
" Alpheus Strong sons	four dollars	4.00
" Rodney Upson	Seven Dollars	7.00
" Enock Root	Eight Dollars	8.00
" Caleb Williams	Twenty five Dollars	25.00
" William Noble	one dollar	1.00
" Sewall & William Dewey	Two dollars	2.00

Until the first day of April next it is allowed to the owners of the land to remove timber and other obstructions from said road - the road is to be made in a substantial & workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of September next. In the construction of said the following particulars are to be observed - The travelled path is to be twenty feet wide exclusive of the ditches, all stumps stones & roots are to be removed before the road is formed and all hills & knolls are to be reduced and low & wet places filled up and good & sufficient water courses & ditches wherever the same may be necessary all hills are to be reduced so that the elevation shall not exceed  $4^{\circ}$  to the horizon the road is to be well raised and made sufficiently crowning that the water may pass directly into the ditches a good & substantial bridge is to be built over the brook near the Gaylord place and to be three feet higher than the present bridge or to sufficient height above high water marks the banks or knolls on each side the brook to be hauled down and the road properly graded the bridge to be sixteen feet wide for travel - the old road is to be thoroughly repaired and exclusive of ditches to be twenty feet wide the hill west of the Gaylord place is to be reduced and ascent made easy & convenient the Ashley road so called between Enock Root's land & Caleb Williams land is to be put in a good state of repair and thoroughly and substantially improved by raising the road in all low & wet places and by hauling down & reducing the hills on each side of the road bridge so called and by widening & shortening the road in all other respects said road & repairs are to be constructed & made in a workmanlike and substantial manner and to the acceptance of said Commissioners on or before the said first day of September next all which is submitted

James M. Crocker & Seal }  
Eideon Miles & Seal } County Court  
Cyrus Shuman Seal }



which Report being read & considered is accepted and the way established  
as yet a public highway

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire  
The Subscribers respectfully represent that the County road in Southwick  
leading from the Groville road near the County bridge & extending to  
Westfield line has by reason of the construction of the Hampshire and  
Hampden Canal become impassable and that said road is not  
wanted for a highway - Your petitioners would therefore pray that  
said road may be discontinued Southwick Oct 1st 1835

Abraham Rising  
Lotter  
J. P. Pet. for

discontinue  
of a road

Abraham Rising & Lotter

The aforesaid petition was entered at the Meeting of the County Commissioners  
holders for said County on the first Tuesday of October last past and was  
continued from meeting to meeting to the Meeting of said County  
Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June last past at which  
meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house  
of Chasmy Pease in Westfield on Tuesday the twenty fifth day  
of October next at one O. Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of  
proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after  
viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein and if  
the same shall be adjudged not to be of common convenience  
and necessity to proceed to discontinue said road and to hear at said  
place of Meeting all persons & corporations upon the subject of damages  
also ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested  
in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order  
thereon three weeks successively in the Hampshire Whig a Newspaper  
printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at  
least before the time of said meeting and it is further ordered  
that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy secure the Town Clock  
of Southwick with an attested copy of said petition and this order  
thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said  
Town an Abstract containing the substance of said petition four-  
teen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or  
his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the  
Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said  
meeting

James M. Crooks Chairman  
and this petition was further continued from meeting to meeting to  
this meeting and in pursuance to the foregoing order the Sheriff  
makes the following Return "Hampden ss. Sep: 21st 1836 I secured  
the Town Clock of Southwick with a true & attested Copy of the petition  
aforesaid and order of notice thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling  
house and also pasted up in two public places in said an abstract  
containing the substance of said petition C. Rice Sheriff  
and now at this meeting the County Commissioners make the  
following Report. "Hampden ss. Oct 25th 1836 The County Commissioners  
of said County having given notice to all persons & corporations  
interested in the foregoing petition as set forth in the return of the  
Sheriff of said County as before stated and also having caused a  
copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of notice  
stating the time place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks



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sanctioned in the Hampshire Whig a Newspaper printed & published in  
said County the last publication thereof being at least four days  
previous to the said time of meeting - In conformity with the said  
order of notice two of said Commissioners to wit James W. Crooks  
and Cyrus Knapp met at the time & place in said order of notice men-  
tioned and appointed but the other County Commissioners Gideon  
Stiles being an Inhabitant of the Town of Southwick where the  
road mentioned in said petition is situated and being therefore  
disqualified by law to act in the premises was not present  
wherefore the two Commissioners then & there present as aforesaid  
summoned & gave notice to Simon Bagg one of the Special Com-  
missioners to appear & act in the place & stead of the said Stiles  
and the said Bagg appearing upon such summons & notice  
thus constituting a board the said board of Commissioners  
proceeded to view the ~~said~~ road set forth in said petition and after  
viewing the premises and hearing all persons & corporations  
interested therein who chose to be heard upon the subject matter  
of said petition the said Commissioners adjudged that in their  
opinion said road is unnecessary and not required for the accom-  
modation of the public and that the same ought to be discontinued  
wherefore upon the view & hearing aforesaid and it appearing to  
said Commissioners that said road commencing on the line of the  
Town of Westfield near the Moses Dawy house and extending to  
the County road leading from Southwick to Springfield in the  
Northeast part of Southwick called the Powder Hollow road is not  
necessary except that part of said road leading from Stiles & Thomas  
Powder Mill to Southwick or of common convenience to the public  
and no person objecting to the discontinuance of said road and  
no person or corporation appearing to claim damages by reason of  
such discontinuance the said Commissioners have discontinued  
the same as a public highway all which is submitted

James W. Crooks & Seal of County  
Cyrus Knapp & Seal of County  
Seal Special Com.

which Report being read & considered is accepted

Road in To the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
Springfield on The undersigned Inhabitants of the Town of Springfield respectfully  
Pet<sup>n</sup> of Ochron represent that the public good & convenience require that a new  
Dickinson & others road should be laid out & constructed in Springfield leading from  
near the shop of Hills & Winship in Maple Street to terminate near  
the house of Ochron Dickinson in main Street - they therefore  
pray the board of Commissioners to view & lay out a new road  
from Maple Street to main Street on or near the route above  
mentioned - Your petitioners also represent that common convenience  
requires a new road should be located from the new Baptist  
Meetinghouse in said Maple Street East to the house of Walter  
Burbury and from near said house thence North to Union  
Street near the Methodist Meetinghouse wherefore your petitioners  
pray the County Commissioners to view lay out and establish said road



accordingly and as in duty bound will leave pray Springfield Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 1835  
Oron Dickinson & 121 others

The aforesaid petition was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five and was continued to the meeting of said County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April last past at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Oron Dickinson in Springfield on Friday the tenth day of June next at eight O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for and after locating to hear at said place of Meeting all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition & this order thereon three weeks successively in the Hampshire Whig a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with a true & attested copy of said petition & this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town a copy or an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to Gideon Stiles one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crocker Chairman

and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of said County Commissioners <sup>holden for said County</sup> on the fourth Tuesday of June last past and pursuant to the foregoing order the Deputy Sheriff makes the following return "Hampshire Whig 2<sup>d</sup> May 1836 Pursuant to the foregoing order I have served the Town Clerk of Springfield with a true & attested copy of said petition & order of notice thereon giving him a true & attested copy of the same & also posted up in two public places in said Town a copy of this petition & order thereon

William H. Foster D. Sheriff

At which meeting holden on the fourth Tuesday of June as last aforesaid the County Commissioners made the following Report - "Hampshire Whig June 10<sup>th</sup> 1836 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Deputy Sheriff and also having caused a copy of said petition together with the foregoing of notice stating the time place & purpose of the Meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampshire Whig a newspaper published & printed in said County the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to said time of Meeting - In conformity with the said order of notice two of said County Commissioners to wit Gideon Stiles & Cyrus Snop met at the time & place



in the said order mentioned but James W. Crooks the other County  
Commissioner being an Inhabitant of & residing in the Town of Springfield  
where the road prayed for in said petition is situated & therefore  
being unable & disqualified by law to act in the premises the said  
County Commissioners then & there present gave notice & summons  
Linus Bagg one of the special Commissioners to appear & act upon the  
said petition in the place & stead of the said Crooks - And the said  
Bagg appearing upon such notice & summons with the Honorable  
Commissioners present as aforesaid then constituting a board pro-  
-ceeded to view the routes in said petition mentioned and after  
viewing said routes & hearing all persons & corporations interested  
who chose to be heard in the premises the said board of Commissioners  
having duly considered the subject matter of said petition adjudged  
that in their opinion common convenience & necessity required that  
new roads should be laid out & established between the termini  
as prayed for in said petition and so report accordingly - all which  
is submitted -

Gideon Stiles & Seal } County  
Cyrus Knox & Seal } Com.  
Linus Bagg & Seal Special Com.

which report being read & considered it was adopted & the way adjudged to be of  
common convenience & necessity - And this petition was further  
continued to the Meeting of said County Commissioners holden on  
the first Tuesday of October last past when it was ordered that said  
Commissioners meet at the house of E. H. Mosely in Springfield on  
Monday the twenty sixth day of November next at three O'Clock in the  
afternoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer  
of said petition and after locating to hear all persons & corporations interested  
upon the subject of damages - Also that notice be given to all persons  
& corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of  
said petition & notice of the time & place and purpose of said meeting  
three weeks successively in the Hampshire Whig a Newspaper printed  
in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least  
before the time of said meeting and it is further ordered that the  
Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of  
Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order  
thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said  
Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days  
at least before the time of said meeting the Sheriff or his Deputy will  
make return hereof with his doing to Gideon Stiles one of said  
Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

James W. Crooks Chairman

and this petition was further continued to this meeting and pursuant  
to the foregoing order the Sheriff of said County makes the following  
return "Hampden Co. Nov. 23. 1836 I served the Town Clerk of  
Springfield with a true & attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order  
of notice thereon by giving the same to him and also posted up  
in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance  
of said petition

E. Price Sheriff -

and now at this meeting the County Commissioners make the  
following Report - "Hampden Co. Dec. 26. 1836 The County Commissioners



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of said County having given notice to all persons & Corporations interested in the foregoing petition as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County & also having caused an abstract containing the substance of said petition together with an order of Notice stating the time place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampshire Whig a Newspaper printed & published in said County the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the said time of meeting two of said Commissioners to wit, Gideon Stiles and Cyrus Thorne met at the time & place mentioned in said order of Notice mentioned but James M. Crocker the other County Commissioner being an Inhabitant of the town of Springfield where the road prayed for in said petition is situate and therefore by law disqualified to act in the premises was absent whereupon the said Commissioners then & there present & summoned gave notice to Lucius Wright one of the special Commissioners to appear & act with said Stiles and Thorne in the matter of said petition and the said Wright appearing upon such summons & Notice with the said Stiles thus constituting a board, the said board of Commissioners thus constituted proceeded to lay out & establish the way or road prayed for in said petition and accordingly laid out & established the same as follows to wit:

Beginning at Southwestly corner of the Baptist meeting house lot on Maple Street and run N. 50 1/2° E. 74 rods ten links to the S. W. corner of Simon Sanborn's land then N. 30 1/2° E. 6 rods 6 links to the Northwest corner of Walter Buckley's land then N. 49° E. 6 rods 15 links to land left for a road - then on the same course across said road the burying ground lot of the Methodist Society thus for said road is laid three rods wide and the line run is on the Northwesterly side or left limit of said road - then begin at the last mentioned point by said burying ground lot and on the Easterly side of the land left for a road as aforesaid and run N. 20° W. 31 rods 16 links to Union Street and the line last run is on the East side or right hand limits of the road and said road is laid 2 rods wide from near said Buckley to Union Street -

The said Commissioners have also established the following road heretofore laid out by the Town of Springfield as follows (viz):

Beginning at a stake on the west side of Maple Street little Southwesterly of the shop of Mills & Winship and run S. 46° W. to State Street nearly opposite the house of Aaron Dickinson and said road is established three rods wide on the Southwesterly side of the line above run as the same was originally laid out and established by said Town of Springfield

After hearing all persons & Corporations interested who chose to be heard on the subject of damages we assessed & allowed damages to the following named persons they being the only persons injured by the laying out of said road (viz): To Simon Sanborn Twenty five Dollars - \$25.00

To Walter Buckley Seventy five Dollars - 75.00

Until the first day of April next is allowed to the owners of land for removing obstructions & encumbrances from the road & said road is to be thoroughly made the travel path to be twenty feet wide the ground to be well thrown up and bed of the road raised with good ditches upon the sides and sluices & water courses are to be made wherever



they may be necessary and in all other respects said road is to be made in a permanent and substantial manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of July next all which is submitted

Gideon Stiles & Seal County

Cyrus Snow & Seal County

Lucius Wright & Seal Special Com<sup>rs</sup>

which Report being read & considered is accepted  
 Alteration = To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire  
 of a Road in West Springfield Respectfully Represent your petitioners that common convenience & necessity requires an alteration in the County road from the Store of Charles Ely to the house of Elisha Eldridge in West Springfield they therefore pray that the same may be viewed & such alterations made as shall be thought best for the public travel March 30<sup>th</sup> 1876

Charles Ely & others

The above petition was entered at the Meeting of the County Commissioners held on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty six at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of J. L. Fairfield in West Springfield on the twenty first day of May next at ten O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity to proceed to locate the road & the alterations prayed for and after locating the road at said place of meeting all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition & this order thereon three weeks successively in the Republican & Journal & Newspapers printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting and it is further ordered that the Sheriff or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town a copy of an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

James W. Crocker Chairman

And this petition was continued to the meeting of said Commissioners held on for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June last past and the Deputy Sheriff pursuant to the foregoing order makes the following return - "Hampshire April 19<sup>th</sup> 1876 Pursuant to the within order I have served the Town Clerk of West Springfield with a true & attested copy of said petition and order of notice thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling house and also posted up in two public places in said town copies of the same

William H. Foster D. Sheriff

At which said last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners made following report



the following Report "Hampden pt. May 21<sup>st</sup> 1836 The County Commissioners of said County having given Notice to all persons & Corporations interested in the foregoing petition as set forth in the foregoing return of the Deputy Sheriff and also having caused a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of Notice stating the time place and purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Republican & Journal a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the said time of meeting - In conformity with the said order of Notice met at the time & place in said order mentioned and pursuant to the same proceeded to view the premises and the road set forth in said petition & after viewing the same & hearing all persons & Corporations who chose to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition & adjudged that in their opinion Common convenience & Necessity required that some alterations should be made in the road as now travelled and that repairs be made in the old road in certain places between the terminus and so report accordingly all which is submitted

James M. Crooks & Scol  
Gideon Hiles & Scol  
Cyrus Ihnot & Scol } County  
Comrs.

which report being read & considered is accepted -

At which said meeting holden as last aforesaid mentioned I was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of J. L. Fairfield in West Springfield on Wednesday the twenty sixth day of October next at one O. Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and after locating to hear all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition & a notice of the time & place & purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Republican & Journal a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon thirty days at least & post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

James M. Crooks Chairman  
and this petition was further continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting - And pursuant to the foregoing order the Sheriff of said County makes the following return "Hampden pt. Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 1836 I served the Town Clerk of West Springfield with a true & attested copy of this petition & order of notice thereon by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time for said meeting

E Price Sheriff



And now at this meeting the County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also by causing to be published in the Republican and Journal a newspaper printed & published in said County an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof together with an order of Notice stating the time & place & purpose of the meeting three weeks successively the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the said time of meeting met at the time & place in said order of Notice mentioned & proceeded to locate & establish certain alterations in the road described in said petition and to direct & specify certain improvements and repairs in said road between the termini mentioned in said petition and accordingly located & established the same as follows viz,

Beginning a few rods southerly of the foot of Meetinghouse Hill at a stake on the West side of the road ten feet west of an Apple tree standing in the road and ran thence Northerly on land of Charles Stebbins to a chestnut Staddle marked on the side hill and on a course with said stake and the steeple of the meetinghouse and from thence on the same course to a stake by the fence on the North side of said Stebbins land which fence at this point is deemed & taken as the authority side of an old road leading from Westfield - After hearing all persons and corporations who chose to be heard on the subject of damages we assessed & allowed to Charles Stebbins the sum of ten dollars no other person being injured by said location - In the construction of said road and in the repairs & improvements of the old road hereby required to be made the following particulars are to be observed - On the South side of the hill said road is to be washed as near the west side of said Alteration as may be practicable and west of the present travelled road from near said Apple tree to the plain or top of the hill and a passage for the water from the Old Westfield road is to be made on the west side of the new road according to the present arrangement for carrying off the water the elevation of said hill on the South side thereof after the road is washed is not to exceed four degrees to the horizon - The plain in front of the horse sheds may be reduced one foot or more if practicable provided a regular grade be made from the road to the meetinghouse and the safety & convenience of passing to & from said house be not injured thereby or endangered - The road to be sufficiently crowning that the water may pass directly off at the sides - Travel path to be twenty feet wide & properly hardened - On the North side of the hill the road is to be thoroughly repaired widened and made properly crowning and raised on both sides of the canal bridge travel path to be twenty feet wide - In all other respects said road is to be washed and the repairs made in a substantial and workmanlike manner to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of September next all which is submitted

which report being read & considered is accepted

James M. Crocker & Seal }  
Gideon Hills & Seal } County  
Egbert J. Snow & Seal } Commrs



To the Honorable board of Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
The undersigned Inhabitants of the Town of West Springfield in said  
County respectfully represent that the public good & common convenience require that the road leading from Agawan Bridge to the  
field especially at the great hill near the house of Nathan Bailey is  
nearly impassable and needing large repairs or a new road laid out  
instead thereof they therefore pray that you would please to view the said  
hill and make such alterations & repairs as the public good requires  
and as in duty bound shall ever pray West Springfield 4<sup>th</sup> June 1836

George J. Hubbard & others  
Pet. for alterations of a road in West Springfield at the great hill near the house of Nathan Bailey

The aforesaid petition was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June last past at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of J. S. Fairfield in West Springfield on Wednesday the twenty sixth day of October next at Nine O'Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity to proceed to locate the road or the alterations prayed for and after locating to hear at said place of meeting all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition & this order thereon three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks Chairman  
and this petition was further continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and pursuant to the foregoing order the Sheriff of said County makes the following return "Hampden Sept. 23. 1836 I served the Town Clerk with a true & attested copy of this petition and order of Notice thereon by giving the same to him and posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time for holding said meeting." E. Rice Sheriff

and now at this meeting the County Commissioners make the following return "Hampden Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 1836 The County Commissioners of said County having given Notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also having caused a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of Notice stating the time place & purpose of meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette a newspaper printed & published in said County the last publication thereof being fourteen days at least



previous to the time of said Meeting - In conformity with said order of the met at the time & place in said order mentioned & proceeded to view the road in said petition mentioned & described and after viewing the said road & hearing all persons & corporations interested therein who to be heard in the premises the said Commissioners adjudged that in their opinion common convenience & necessity required that certain improvements & repairs shall be made between the North East side of the Marsh near the foot of the hill & a stone & stones known five rods & a half west of the top of said hill - and that no alteration in the location of said road is necessary for the accommodation of the public but that road may be made safe convenient & easy for travel with the required improvements & repairs therein after mentioned And no objections being made by any person or Corporation then and there present the said Commissioners proceeded to direct & specify the improvements & repairs in their opinion necessary to be made as follows (viz) the said hill in the steepest part thereof is to be reduced at least six feet and the earth removed to the low grounds and the banks to be hauled down & good ditches made for the passage of water on each side of the road the low ground by Woodward's meadow or the Marsh so called to be raised by earth brought from the hill: the travel path to be made at least 10 feet wide and to be sufficiently crowning in order that the water may not run upon the road but pass directly into the ditches the ascent or elevation of said hill after the road is properly worked not to exceed four degrees with the horizon good railing to be placed wherever necessary and in all other respects said road is to be made in a substantial and workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of September next at which is submitted -

James W. Crooks & Seal  
Gideon Stiles & Seal  
Lyons Shop & Seal  
County Comrs

which report being read & considered is accepted

Charles Stearns & others Pet: To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Hampden - Respectfully represent the Subscribers that for alterations the road recently laid from Chicopee Factory to the Boston road in Wilbraham on the petition of Benjamin Farnum and Springfield from others requires certain alterations in the laying of the same Chicopee Factory and they request that said road may be viewed, altered, and widened as public convenience & necessity requires to the Boston road in Wilbraham June 1876 -

Charles Stearns & others

The aforesaid petition was ordered at the Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June last past at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Ashley Hayden in Ludlow on Saturday the twenty second day of October next at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing & hear all persons & corporations interested therein - And if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity



to proceed to locate the road prayed for and after locating to meet at said place of meeting all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition & this order thereon three weeks successively in the Republican Journal & Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerks of Springfield & Wilbraham with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Towns respectively an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to Elders Stiles one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks Chairman  
And this petition was further continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and the Sheriff pursuant to the foregoing order makes the following return "Hampden Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 1836 I have served the Town Clerk of Wilbraham by leaving a true & attested copy of this petition and order of Notice at his dwellinghouse and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition and on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with a true & attested copy of this petition & order of Notice thereon by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

E. Rice Sheriff

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make the following Report "Hampden Sept. October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1836 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also having caused a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of Notice stating the time place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Republican Journal & Newspaper printed & published in said County the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the said time of meeting two of said Commissioners to wit Gilman Stiles & Cyrus Knox met at the time & place in said order of Notice mentioned but James W. Crooks the other County Commissioners being an inhabitant of the Town of Springfield where a part of the road prayed for in said petition is situated & therefore by law disqualified to act in the premises was absent whereupon the said Commissioners then there present summoned & gave notice to Simon Bagg one of the special Commissioners to appear & act with said Stiles & Knox in the matter of said petition. And the said Bagg appearing upon such summons & notice with the said Stiles and Knox thus constituting a board, the said board of Commissioners then constituted proceeded to view the road in said petition mentioned and described and the alterations proposed. And having viewed the



premises and heard all persons & corporations interested therein who chose to be heard the said Commissioners adjudged that in their opinion common convenience & necessity required that certain alterations in said road should be made and so report accordingly and no person or corporation objecting to said alterations in the road aforesaid the said Commissioners proceeded to lay out & establish certain alterations in said road and accordingly laid & established the same as follows (to wit) Beginning on the north side of the Boston road in the Town of Wethersfield at a stone & stones & run N. 63 1/2° W. 43 rods to a stone & stone thence N. 68° W. 9 rods to a stone & stones thence N. 65 1/4° W. 20 rods 23 links to a stone & stones where the line now runs strikes the North line of the road laid on the petition of Benjamin Jencks & others and we have laid & established said alteration three rods wide on the southerly side of the line above run - then beginning near the brick schoolhouse a few rods westerly of Pett's Bridge at a stone standing on a course bearing S. 12 1/2° W. 6 rods 4 links from a large white pine marked and run N. 77 1/2° W. 4 rods 19 links to a chestnut tree marked thence N. 64° W. 5 rods 16 links to a white oak tree marked (standing one rod 10 links from the N.W. corner of the schoolhouse on a course bearing N. 13 1/2° W.) same course 3 rods ten links more to a stone thence N. 16 3/4° W. 9 rods 21 links to a cherry tree marked thence N. 32° W. to intersect the southerly side of the road as laid on the petition of said Benjamin Jencks and others - then beginning at a white pine on land of the Springfield Manufacturing company and on the south side of the present road opposite said pine & run westerly to land of Charles Stearns gradually widening so as to have an increase width of half a rod on each side of said Stearns East line and continues said increase of width on both sides of the road to the west line of Anthony Stoffer's land and making the road as now altered, laid & established four rods wide from said Stearns east line to the west line of said Stoffer's land - the alterations made as above described are upon & over lands of Nathan Stevens, the Springfield Manufacturing company, Charles Stearns & Anthony Stoffer - After hearing all persons & corporations upon the subject of damages who chose to be heard and no damages being claimed none were assessed or allowed - Six months are allowed to the owners of lands for removing timber wood & other obstructions from said location & said road is to be made to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of July next all which is submitted

Gideon Miles & Seal N. County  
Egorsthrop School } Com.  
L. Seal Special Com.

Which Report being read & considered is accepted

License given to Messrs. Satterth & Hawkes as Justices in the Town of Springfield Church Parish at the house recently kept by Sumner Chapin - See the list of April next



The following amounts against the County were presented & allowed Accounts  
by the County Commissioners & ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury Allowed  
Zadock Dymon for work done on the County House \$17.54

Harold Goddell for " at Aqueduct	2.65
Foster Hobkins for Steptown & cottage	2.90
John Ingersoll Const. & Tra. Accounts Allow. & measuring Roads	12.02
Alvin Jones Coroner bill	5.17
Abraham G. Tamm for Printing Papers	51.00
James Brewster Articles for Jail p. Bill	20.02
Gilbert Gardner for Post & scuttling & work for fence of C. house	0.52
William H. Foster Boarding Prisoners from April to Oct. 1896	10.43
Samuel Bowles Advertising Notice of County Com. on Pet. for road	25.50
James W. Crooks for Securing Bills p. by him & on file	37.50
Eatob Rice services of Com. Orders	0.59
George W. Callender Binding Record Books	14.00
James Wells for four reams paper	10.00
William Hunt - Whitewashing County house & Jail	11.00
Edmund Barton work at County house	15.20
John Gould Surveying Roads	4.00
John Parsons for surveying road	1.00
Oran Drake " " " "	1.00
Thomas Fitch " " " "	1.00
David Mosley " " " "	5.00
Stromus D. Beach for Advertising County Com. Notices & Making	39.00
Levis Briggs sh. " " " "	13.59
Amasa Parsons - taking care of C. house & sawing & getting up wood	13.00
William Bliss for on Thaddeus Taylor & other Pet. for Estimator	54.00
Samuel Reynolds for 4. Load coal	1.67



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Apportionment

In conformity to a Resolve of the General Court passed on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 1837 Granting a tax of Seven Thousand Dollars for the County of Hampden the same is apportioned upon the several Towns in said County in manner following (viz)

Blandford	\$359.23.2
Brimfield	411.41.
Chester	254.07.3
Gronville	313.07.2
Holland	94.32.5
Ludlow	299.02.5
Longmeadow	317.00.7
Montgomery	100.34.5
Monson	493.69.3
Palmer	272.93.6
Russell	90.31.1
Southwick	202.97.—
Springfield	1629.50.6
Tolland	142.40.0
West Springfield	806.76.5
Westfield	606.07.0
Wales	134.46.02
Wilbraham	391.34.2
	<u>\$7000 00.00</u>

And warrants have issued dated April 25<sup>th</sup> 1837 directed to the Selectmen or Assessors of the several Towns in the County directing them to assess the same upon the Inhabitants of their respective Towns and requiring their respective Collectors Constables or Constables to collect and pay the same to George Colton Esq<sup>r</sup> County Treasurer his successor or order by the fifteenth day of September next ensuing as the law directs



To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden:  
Respectfully represent your petitioners, that a road is wanting, commen-  
cing at the County road leading from Westfield to Montgomery at a point <sup>Doctor Merriman</sup>  
near the Baptist Meeting house at Westfield Farms, so called, thence in a <sup>& others</sup> from Westfield  
northerly direction a short distance by a town road to the house of James <sup>to Southampton</sup>  
Otis; thence nearly the same course across lands of James Otis, Mr. Fitch, <sup>commencing</sup>  
Owen Drake and Park Williams, to Southampton line, to intersect a con- <sup>near the Baptist</sup>  
templated road from said line to Southampton. We pray therefore that <sup>Meetinghouse</sup>  
a view of the route may be had, and such order passed thereon, as may be <sup>at Westfield</sup>  
thought best. Dated at Westfield, Sept. 4th, 1835.

Signed, Doctor Merriman and others.

This petition was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners  
for said County, holden on the first Tuesday of October in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five, and was  
continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of said County Com-  
missioners holden on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six, at which meeting  
it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Sturges  
Upson in Westfield, on the twenty fifth day of July next, at 10 o'clock  
in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to  
the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and  
corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged  
to be of common convenience and necessity to proceed to locate the  
road prayed for, and after locating to hear, at said place of meeting,  
all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages.  
Also ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations in-  
terested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and  
this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig,  
a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be  
fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is  
further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve  
the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition  
and this order thereon, thirty days at least - and post up in two  
public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of  
said petition, fourteen days at least, - before the time of said meeting.  
The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to  
the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said  
meeting.

James W. Brooks, Chairman.

And this petition was further continued from meeting to meeting to  
the meeting of the said County Commissioners holden on the first  
Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and thirty six; and the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows:  
Hampden ss. June 18, 1836. By virtue of the within order I served the  
Town Clerk of Westfield with a true and attested copy of this petition  
and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted  
up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the sub-  
stance of said petition.

Caleb Rice, Sheriff.

At which said last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners,  
make their report as follows:

Hampden ss. July 25th, 1836. The County Commissioners of said County



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having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition as set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff, and also having caused a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the said time of meeting, in conformity with the said order of notice, met at the time and place in said order mentioned, and pursuant to the same proceeded to view the route set forth in said petition, and after viewing the same, and hearing all persons and corporations who chose to be heard in the premises, adjudged that in their opinion common convenience and necessity required that a new road should be laid and established from near the house of James Otis upon and over lands of said Otis, Owen Drake & others to Southampton line, and that some alterations should be made in the old road from near the house of said Otis to near the Baptist meeting house, and so report accordingly. All which is submitted

James W. Crooks } seal.

Gideon Stiles, seal } County Commrs

Cyrus Knox, seal

This report being read and considered is accepted, and the way adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity: at which said last mentioned meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Sturges Upson in Westfield, on Thursday the third day of November next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition, and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig & Springfield Gazette, newspapers printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Westfield, with an attested copy of this order said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least - and post up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks, Chairman.

Pursuant to the foregoing order the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows: Hampden ss. Oct. 4. 1836. I have served the Town Clerk of Westfield with a true and attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the sub-



stance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And this petition was further continued to this meeting, and now in this meeting the said County Commissioners make their report as follows:

Hampden ss. November 3. 1836. The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also having caused an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof together with an order of notice stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig and Springfield Gazette, two newspapers printed and published in said County, the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the time appointed for said meeting, in conformity with said order of notice so published as aforesaid, met at the time and place therein mentioned, and appointed and proceeded to lay out and establish a way or road, and make certain alterations in an old road, as prayed for in said petition, and accordingly laid and established the same as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stake on the line between the towns of Southampton and Westfield, a little southerly of Roaring Brook, and run S. 24° W. 26 rods on land of Bela Bates - then S. 17° W. 18 rods 10 links - then S. 21° W. 16 rods on land of Park Williams - then on the same course 29 rods 15 links on land of Owen Drake to a stake - then on the same course 43 rods 15 links on land of Thomas Fitch to a large white wood tree standing near the southerly line of said Fitch's land - then S. 19° W. 93 rods on land of Samuel Arnold, to a stake at the highway East of the house of James Otis - then crossing the old road, and beginning at a stake in the stone wall, and run thence S. 34° W. 7 rods 4 links on land of Sabez Otis, to a stake - then S. 32° W. 13 rods - then S. 33° W. 28 rods 22 links on land of Salmon Phelps, a large apple tree marked standing in the line - then on the same course 6 rods 10 links on land of David Clark - then on the same course 13 rods and 10 links on land of Alonzo Allen - then on the same course 22 rods 15 links on land of Sabez Otis, to a stake at the highway South of the house of Alonzo Allen. The line above run is on the easterly side of the road, or left hand limits; and said road is laid 3 rods wide, and passes over lands of Bela Bates, Park Williams, Owen Drake, Thomas Fitch, Samuel Arnold and James Otis - the said Otis having a life estate in said Arnold's land; and the lands last above mentioned are taken for new road, and the lands of the persons hereinafter named are taken for widening the old road, viz. Sabez Otis, Salmon Phelps, David Clark, Alonzo Allen, ~~Christopher~~ Christopher T. Lee; and after hearing all persons and corporations who chose to be heard on the subject of damages, we assessed and allowed damages to the following named persons, viz.

To Bela Bates - thirty dollars	\$ 30.00
" Park Williams thirty five dollars	35.00
" Owen Drake forty dollars.	40.00
" Thomas Fitch fifty dollars	50.00
" Samuel Arnold seventy five dollars	75.00
" James Otis twenty five dollars	25.00
" Sabez Otis thirty dollars	30.00
" Salmon Phelps twenty five dollars	25.00
" David Clark five dollars	5.00
" Alonzo Allen five dollars	5.00
" Christopher T. Lee twenty five dollars	25.00
	\$ 345.00



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Said road is to be made eighteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches - to be well raised and made sufficiently crowning in order that the water may not stand or run upon the road, but pass directly into the ditches. All low and wet places to be properly raised and filled up, and all hills and knolls to be reduced and hauled down, so that the road shall be safe, easy and convenient for travel, and in no place to exceed three degrees elevation to the horizon. Good and sufficient sluices, bridges & water courses are to be made, wherever they may be necessary to make a hard and dry road. All stones, roots and stumps are to be dug up and removed before the road is formed. We have estimated the whole expense of making said road at two hundred and fifty dollars. In all other respects said road is to be constructed in a good, permanent and workmanlike manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of September next, and one hundred and twenty five dollars is allowed to the town of Westfield, to be paid out of the County Treasury when said road shall be finished to the acceptance of said Commissioners. All which is submitted.

James W. Crooks, } seal.  
Cyrus Knox, } County Commrs.  
Gideon Stiles, } seal.

This report being read and considered is accepted, and the way established as a public County road, and ordered to be recorded.

\* Until the first day of April next, is allowed to the owners of land for removing timber and other obstructions from said road, except that Sabes Otis and Christopher T. Lee are severally allowed the time of ten years, for removing their buildings from said road. In the construction of said road the following particulars are to be observed. [See top of the page]

Hampden Co. Decr 30<sup>th</sup> 1836 This Meeting is adjourned to the twenty second of February 1837 -

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James Pomeroy is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Chester till first of April next to sell wine & fermented liquor

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1837 This meeting is adjourned to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1837  
at the place Ingersoll Clerk

The following Accounts against the County were allowed by the County Commissioners at the above Term - (vid) Miller & Jewett \$5.00 - Amasa Parsons \$5.00 - Moses Cadwell \$6.00 - Bory<sup>th</sup> Rathbun \$7.50 - Martin D. Graves \$117.73 - Elfranch Barton \$2.00 - George Colton \$10.50 - Horns Parsons \$0.50 - Reuben A. Chapman \$4.00 - E. Turner fixin Bridge at Three Rivers \$3.04  
Not Particulars see bills on file



Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, and by adjournment on Monday the tenth day of said month, for the purpose of acting upon the subject of granting Licenses.

Present- James W. Crooks, Esq. Chairman.

Gideon Stiles Esq. } Commissioners.

Cyrus Knox Esq. }

Lucius Wright, Esq. Special Commissioner

Erza Kimberley, Petition for license to keep a Tavern in Springfield.

Licenses.

Lucius Wright, Special Commissioner, sits in this case, instead of James W. Crooks, Esq. who excuses himself on account of ill health.

Petition not granted.

Henry Stocking Petition for license to keep a Tavern in Springfield.

Lucius Wright Esq. sits in this case, instead of James W. Crooks, Esq. who excuses himself on account of ill health.

Petition granted.

E. D. Stocking petition for license to retail in the town of Springfield.

Lucius Wright Esq. sits in this case, instead of James W. Crooks, Esq. who excuses himself on account of ill health.

Petition granted.

Austin Chapin D, Petition for license to keep a Tavern in Springfield.

Lucius Wright, Esq. sits in this case, instead of James W. Crooks, Esq. who excuses himself on account of ill health.

Petition granted.

Roger Stiles, Petition for license to retail in the Town of Springfield.

Lucius Wright Esq. sits in this case, instead of James W. Crooks, Esq. who excuses himself on account of ill health.

Petition not granted.

Nathan C. Parsons is licensed as an innholder in the centre of the town.

Tolland.

George Clarke is licensed as an innholder.

Southwick

George Beebe is licensed as an innholder

Thomas Loomis is licensed as innholder, at the house he occupies.

Westfield.

John Rogers is licensed as innholder

David H. Mcerwin is licensed as Retailer

Loring Lane, Innholder

Theodore Hannum, Innholder

Gideon Drake, Innholder

Elijah Arnold, Retailer

Israel M. Parsons, Innholder.

Roswell King, Innholder.

Monzo Allen, Retailer

Samin L. Fairfield, as Innholder.

W. Springfield

Jonathan C. Moseley .. Innholder.

Amos Allen .. Innholder.

Russell Gilman .. Innholder.

Silas Dewey, .. Retailer

Harvey Root, .. Retailer



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Theodosia Palmer .. Innholder .. William H. Foster

Abner Miller .. Innholder

Lyman Whitman .. Retailer

Warren Clark .. Innholder

John S. Conklin .. Retailer

Springfield. Upham &amp; Ingraham, Licensed as Retailers.

Jeremy Warriner,

John S. Bishop .. Innholder, Main Street

Elisha Edwards .. Retailer ..

Bryant &amp; Bliss .. Retailers ..

Elisha Gunn .. Retailer, on the Hill.

Marvin Chapin .. Innholder, Cabotville

Jonathan Bangs .. Retailer, on the Hill.

Edward F. Moseley .. Innholder, ..

Israel Phillips, .. Innholder, Willimansett.

Elihu &amp; Ezekiel Adams .. Innholders, Chicopee Factory.

James Worthington, .. Innholder, Main-street, Coffee House

Herns &amp; Parsons .. Retailers, ..

John Baldwin .. Innholder at Dimmick house, Boston Road

Longmeadow. Lyman Lathrop is licensed as Innholder

" " " " " Retailer

Diamond Colton .. Innholder

William White, .. Retailer of Wine, no duty

Francis Burt .. Retailer

Palmer. John Sedgwick .. Innholder.

James Shearer .. Retailer

Abner Allen, Jr. .. Innholder

Emilius Bond .. Retailer

Abel Calkins .. Innholder.

Wilbraham Almon Lard .. Innholder

Pliny Cadwell .. Retailer

Samuel M. Fuller .. Innholder

Henry Glover .. Retailer

Luther B. Bliss .. Retailer

Samuel L. Gager .. Innholder.

John M. Gray .. Innholder.

Ludlow. Ashley Hayden .. Innholder

Ely Fuller .. Retailer

Russell. Allen Brownson .. Innholder

Rupell Hawley .. Innholder

Blandford. Samuel S. Day .. Innholder

Granville. Elijah Seymour .. Innholder

" " " " " Retailer

Charles Phelps .. Innholder

Joel Root, .. Retailer

Timothy M. Cooley 2 .. Retailer

Francis G. Baker .. Innholder

Wales. Barnard J. Ripley .. Retailer

Cornelius Miller .. Innholder

Holland. Elisha Kinney .. Innholder



Albert G. Henry	is licensed as Innholder	Chester.
Jonas Parmenter	" " " Innholder to sell wine & fermented liquors, no duty	
Ebenezer Williams	" " " Retailer of wine, no duty	Brimfield.
Joseph I. Browning, Jr.	" " " Innholder	
Moore Tyler	" " " Retailer	
Amos Norcross	" " " Innholder to sell wine, cider, and fermented liquors, no duty	Monson.
Lyon & Bridgman	" " " Retailers	

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the second Tuesday of April, being the eleventh day of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, and from day to day to the thirteenth day of said month - By

James W. Crooks, Esq. Chairman,	} Commis sioners.
Gideon Stiles Esq.	
Cyrus Knox, Esq.	
Lucius Wright Esq. Special Commissioner	

The following accounts were preferred against the County and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury.

George W. Callender, for Binding Record Books and Alphabets	\$11.00
Philip Wilcox, for Stoves, Pipe, &c. as per bill on file	62.56
Gale Rice for distributing Proclamations for Fast	4.16
G. & C. Merriam for Blank Books, Paper &c	4.56
Lewis Briggs & Co. for advertising	3.00
Amasa Parsons for attending Court, cleaning house, &c	21.50
John Ingersoll for account as per bill on file	7.36
Wm. H. Foster for the support of poor Prisoners	397.33
	\$ 511.47

Ordered, by the County Commissioners, that the County Treasurer be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars - giving his note or notes therefor, payable on or before the first day of January next, and to renew such notes if necessary. Treasurer authorized to borrow money.

Ordered, that James W. Crooks Esq. and Gideon Stiles Esq. be a committee to examine the Jail and House of Correction for the current year, and to report to the Commissioners from time to time as the law in that behalf requires. Committee to examine Jail

Ordered, that James W. Crooks be appointed agent of the County and authorized to cause repairs to be made upon the Court House, Jail, County House, Barn, and other buildings, and the fences, about the County grounds & buildings. Roads. Also, that said Crooks be authorized to examine the roads in West Springfield, laid and altered on the petition of R. King and others, Charles Ely and others, and G. I. Hubbard and others, from time to time, and notify the Commissioners when said roads are ready for acceptance. Gideon Stiles is appointed to the same service in relation to the road in West Springfield, laid on the petition of George Beebe and others. Cyrus Knox is appointed to the same service on the road in Palmer laid on the petition of John Sedgwick & others. Committee to examine



150. - Petition Ezra Kimberley, Petition for license to keep a tavern at the Upper Wa-  
for License ter Shops in Springfield. Lucius Wright, Esq. Special Commissioner,  
sits in this case, instead of James W. Crooks, Esq. who on account of  
ill health is unable to sit and hear said case. Prayer of petition granted.  
Treasurer Ordered, that the County Treasurer be authorized to borrow the sum  
of two thousand dollars on the credit of the County, and give a note  
authorized to borrow money, or notes therefor for the payment of an old debt out standing against  
the County at the Springfield Bank.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at their meeting Dec 1836  
Eli Warner The undersigned respectfully represents, that a public highway was in  
June 1834. located & established by the County Commissioners for said County on  
the petition of Nathaniel B. Mosely & others from near  
the dwelling house of Lewis Robinson in Springfield to the  
Chicopee Factory Village; that the said highway was laid in part upon &  
over land of your petitioner, that said Commissioners did not allow or assess any  
damages to your Petitioner for his lands so taken for said road at the time  
said Commissioners estimated damages on the location of said highway for  
damages for other lands so taken for said highway. Wherefore your petitioner  
is aggrieved & prays the County Commissioners to reestimate damages on the  
petition of said Mosely & others, or in some other way, revise the proceedings  
of said Commissioners, and allow & assess damages to your petitioner for his  
land so taken for said Highway and to grant him such relief in the premises  
as justice shall require.

Springfield Dec. 27. 1837.

Eli Warner, Jun

Hampden Co. County Commissioners meeting, April Term 1837.  
On the petition of Eli Warner Jun. praying for a reestimation of  
damages & an allowance to him for his lands, taken for a road heretofore  
laid, on the petition of Nathaniel B. Mosely & others, no damages  
having been allowed to said Warner for his lands, so taken. The  
County Commissioners now present, to wit, Gideon Stiles, and  
Cyrus Knox, and also Lucius Wright, a Special Commissioner in the  
place & stead of James W. Crooks, who is an inhabitant of  
Springfield, where said road was located, & is situate and the  
board of Commissioners, thus constituted, & acting as well on said  
Mosely's, as on said Warner's petition, do assess & allow to the said  
Eli Warner, the sum of six Dollars for his lands so taken.  
And we have accordingly estimated and assessed damages anew  
on said Mosely's petition at the said sum of six dollars.  
All which is submitted.

Gideon Stiles & Seal } County  
Cyrus Knox & Seal } Commissioners  
Lucius Wright & Seal } Special Commis.

which report being read & considered is accepted.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden - To Harvey Chopin William Child & Orange Chopin Warriner  
all freeholders within said County & disinterested persons - Greeting Oct. 1835  
Whereas Walter Warriner of Springfield in said County at a Jury or Com.  
meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County of  
Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred & thirty six preferred his petition shewing  
that on the petition of David Ames & others praying for a road to be  
located in said Springfield from Blakes Bridge so called Northerly  
and westerly to near the house of James Simes a highway was laid  
out & established over & across the land of your petitioners on the  
eleventh day of August last past and the report of the laying out  
of said Highway and the doings of the said Commissioners on said  
petition was returned to the said Commissioners at their regular  
meeting held on the first Tuesday of October last past by which it  
appears that said road was laid over & upon the land of your petitioners  
and that the damages assessed & allowed to him were only the sum  
of one hundred & eighteen dollars & fifty cents which said report  
at said meeting was accepted and the way therein set forth  
and described was established by said Commissioners as & for a  
County road - And your petitioner further represents that the  
location of said road may be altered with equal or greater  
advantage to the public and occasion less damage to the land  
of your petitioners - And praying that a Jury or Committee may  
be appointed to estimate anew his damages and otherwise determine  
the matter of this Complaint - And this petition was continued  
to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County  
on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1837 at which meeting the  
said Warriner appeared & with the County Commissioners upon  
Harvey Chopin William Child & Orange Chopin as a Committee  
to view the premises & estimate said damages & thereupon it is  
ordered by the County Commissioners that you Harvey  
Chopin, William Child & Orange Chopin be a Committee to  
view the premises and estimate said damages and make  
such alterations as in your judgment the public convenience  
and necessity may require - and you are to be under oath  
faithfully & impartially to estimate the damages sustained  
by the said Walter Warriner and for the further discharge of the  
duties of your Commission - and are to give direct & reasonable  
notice to the said Walter Warriner and also to James W. Crocker  
Esq. who is appointed by the County Commissioners agent for  
the County of Hampden of the time & place of your meeting  
to view the premises and attend said service and you are  
to make return of your doings herein under hands & seals to the  
next Court of Common Pleas to be holden for said County  
of Hampden after you shall have completed your service  
By order of the County Commissioners - John Ingersoll Clerk



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The aforementioned Committee made their report in writing to the Court of Common Pleas holden for said County on the third Monday of June 1837 as follows - "Hampden ss June 17<sup>th</sup> 1837 - The subscribers appointed a Committee by the foregoing warrant having duly notified James W. Crooks agent of the County and all other parties interested met this day on the route of the road laid by the County Commissioners as stated in the said warrant upon the land of Walter Worwines and the said Worwines appeared in person - James W. Crooks Esqr. for the County & James Sikes for the widow & heirs of Rufus Sikes deceased and the parties who chose to be heard were fully heard upon the subject of altering said road and the question of damages - And the said Committee proceeded to view the said road as laid out by the County Commissioners and report that in their opinion the public convenience & necessity & the interests of owners of land require that the road there laid out should be altered in two of the courses as follows beginning at the buttonball tree on the North side of the road and nearly opposite Blakes Bridge in Springfield being the station fixed by the ~~County~~ Commissioners and run thence N. 56° W. to a stone & post in the fence on the line between said Worwines land and the land of the heirs of Rufus Sikes thirty two rods thence N. 40° 30' W. to a stone at the old County road Southwesterly of the house of Widow Sikes or James Sikes it being the terminus fixed by the said Commissioners said line is the Northerly line of the road which is three rods wide - And the said Committee have assessed a new the damages to Walter Worwines in the sum of one Hundred and fifty three Dollars all which is submitted

Horvey Chopin & Seal

William Child & Seal

Orange Chopin & Seal

Which report being read and considered by the Court of Common Pleas was accepted and ordered to be transmitted to the County Commissioners

Hampden ss April 13<sup>th</sup> 1837. All matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued & this meeting is adjourned without day.  
John Ingersoll, Clerk.



and a new sheet printed in said County the last publication  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun &  
holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the  
fourth Tuesday of June being the twenty seventh day of said month  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven  
and from day to day to the first day of July and by adjournment  
on the Ninth day of August 1837 -

By James M. Crook Esq. Chairman  
" Gideon Stiles Esq. } Commissioners  
" Cyrus Knapp Esq }

Nye Moulton is licensed as an Innholder in Brimfield in the Licenses  
house formerly occupied by J. D. Browning -

Isaac Hordin is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Granville  
in a small red store near the Baptist meetinghouse in East Granville

The votes for County Treasurer being sorted and counted it County  
appears that the whole number of votes was twenty three hundred Treas  
& seventy five and that George Colton Esq. has Thirteen Chosen  
hundred & twenty nine and is declared by the County Comm-  
missioners to be chosen who appears and is sworn to the faithful  
discharge of his Office and has given bond to the acceptance of  
County Commissioners -

Adjourned meeting in August 1837  
Ezra Hubbard is licensed as a retailer in the Town of Westfield Licenses  
until the first day of April next in the Brick Store of Martin  
Cowles in the same block of buildings occupied by Morgan and  
Hooker and South of the Green

Hampden Co. August 9<sup>th</sup> 1837 All matters not acted  
upon are ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned  
without day

Attest John Ingersoll Clerk

The following accounts against the County were allowed & ordered  
to be paid out of the County Treasury at the above June Term  
William H. Foster for Inquisition on body of Alfred Jones \$17.40  
William H. Foster for Inquisition on the body of Billing Gady \$3.00  
Gordin Williston \$2.95 James Wells for Paper \$7.85 William Blp  
& James M. Crookes for settling with County Treas \$10.00 Alfred  
Whitaker \$12.00 John Ingersoll \$7.43 Charles Williston \$6.25  
Amasa Parsons \$25.25 Cabot Rice \$36.19  
for particulars see bills on file.



## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden - At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of October being the third day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Thirty Seven and from day to day to the sixth day of said month and by adjournment on the third Monday of November 1837 and from day to day to the 25<sup>th</sup> day of said Month

By James M. Crooks Esqr. Chairman  
Gideon Stiles Esqr. } Commissioners  
Cyrus Snow Esqr. }

Elisha Ashley To the Honorable Commissioners of Highway &c of the County of Hampden - The undersigned petitioners do hereby represent to your Honor that the present travel roads leading from the dwelling house of Hosea Bliss in West Springfield to Northampton are ruinous and one of them exposed to being frequently overflowed by freshets in the Connecticut River, for these and other reasons we pray your Honors to make such alterations in the old road from said Hosea Bliss' passing between the ponds to the top of the Mountain at Hitchcock's pasture so called as your Honors may think best and that a new Highway may be located beginning at the old road at the pasture aforesaid thence running Northerly near the Dwellinghouses of Ichabod How and Peter Hitchcock to the North side of said Hitchcock's farm to Hampshire County line with a view to meet a road which may be located in said County of Hampshire and as in duty bound will ever pray -  
dated Sept<sup>r</sup> 1839 Elisha Ashley & 3<sup>rd</sup> others

The aforesaid petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three at which time a view was ordered and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of said County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six at which meeting on the petition aforesaid heretofore entered and a view had thereon the County Commissioners deeming a new view of the premises expedient & proper it is therefore ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Homer Ely in West Springfield on the second day of June next at Nine O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for and after locating to hear of said place of Meeting all persons & corporations interested upon the subject damages also ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Republican



and Journal a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town a copy or an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks Chairman

And this petition was further continued to the meeting of said County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty six and at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Warner Ely in West Springfield on Thursday the twenty seventh day of October next at Nine O'Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and after locating to hear all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time & place & purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Republican & Journal a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks Chairman

And this petition was further continued from meeting to meeting of said Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven, on the petition of aforesaid landowner entered a view had thereon and now a new view being deemed by said Commissioners proper & expedient ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Peter Hitchcock of West Springfield on Wednesday the twenty fourth day of May next at Nine O'Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein and after the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for and after locating to hear at said place of meeting all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages also ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition & this order thereon three weeks successively in the Republican & Journal a



Newsprint printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting and is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

James M. Crocker Chairman

and this petition was further continued to the meeting of said Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven and the Sheriff pursuant to the foregoing order makes the following Return "Hampden ss. April 25. 1837 I have served the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of this writ by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition at which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners made the following Report - "Hampden ss. May 24. 1837 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons & Corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner as set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County & also having caused a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of Notice stating the time place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Republican & Journal a Newspaper printed & published in said County the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the said time of meeting in conformity with the said order of Notice met at the time & place in said order mentioned & proceeded to view the road mentioned and described in said petition and having viewed the same on ~~and~~ and heard all persons and corporations interested who chose to be heard in the premises said Commissioners adjudged that in their opinion common convenience & necessity required that certain alterations should be made in the old road between the dwellinghouse of Hosea Bliss and the top of the Mountain near Witch works pasture and that a new location the whole way from the top of the Mountain to Hampshire County line is not necessary for the public accommodation, but that certain alterations in the old road with specific repairs should be made on the West side of the Mountain following the old road to the hill near the house of Capt. Nathan Thorne and from thence by a new location to said County <sup>line</sup> and so report accordingly all which is submitted - James M. Crocker Seal  
Gideon Hater Seal } County  
Cyrus Thayer Seal } Comm



which Report being read & considered is accepted & the alteration therein  
adjudged of common convenience & necessity and this petition  
was further continued to the Meeting of said County Commis-  
sioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of  
June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
& thirty seven at which last meeting it was ordered that said Com-  
missioners, <sup>meet</sup> at the house of Capt. Nathaniel Thorpe in West Springfield  
on Thursday the thirty first day of August next at Nine O'Clock in  
the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer  
of said petition and after locating to hear all persons & corporations  
interested upon the subject of damages also that notice be given to all  
persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing an  
abstract of said petition and a notice of the time & place & purpose  
of said meeting three weeks successively in The Republican & Journal  
& Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen  
days at least before the time of said meeting - And it is further ordered  
that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk  
of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order  
thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said  
Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen  
days at least before the time of said meeting the Sheriff or his Deputy  
will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said  
Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

James W. Crooks Chairman

And this petition was further continued to this Meeting and the  
Sheriff pursuant to the foregoing order makes the following return  
"Hampden ss July 29<sup>th</sup> 1837 I served the Town Clerk of West Springfield  
with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of Notice thereon  
by giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places in  
said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

And now at this Meeting the said County Commissioners make  
this Report in writing as follows - "Hampden ss August 31<sup>st</sup> 1837  
The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to  
all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition in  
mermet & forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County  
and also by causing an abstract of said petition containing the  
substance thereof stating the time place & purpose of the meeting to  
be published three weeks successively in The Republican & Journal  
a newspaper printed in said County the last publication thereof  
being at least fourteen days previous to the said time of meeting  
in conformity with said abstract so published as aforesaid and  
agreeably to the foregoing order of Notice met at the time & place  
in said abstract & order mentioned and proceeded to lay out and  
establish certain alterations & certain pieces of new road on the  
aforesaid petition and did lay out & establish the same as follows  
to wit - Beginning at the N.W. corner of Peter Hitchcock's farm  
and run on said Hitchcock's land S. 3° W. 10 rods 7. links & land  
of Edmund & Warren Danks then on same course 20 rods 15. links  
to a stone & stones on the top of the hill north of Danks' house then



S.  $6^{\circ}$  E. 53 rods 10 links to a stake standing 3 rods west of the S.W. corner of Warren Danks house, then same course 16 rods 12 links to a stake near the north end of the side hill and the road is laid thus for three rods wide - then S.  $17\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  W. 15 rods 17 links to a stake then S.  $33\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W. 11 rods 18 links then same course 4 rods 16 links to a stake then S.  $35^{\circ}$  W. 23 rods 10 links to a stake - then S.  $19\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W. 9 rods to a stake - then S.  $16\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W. 6 rods 10 links to a stake - then S.  $5\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  W. 13 rods 4 links to a small hard maple on the north side of the old road by the turn on the side hill and the road is laid four rods from the north end of the side hill to Capt. Nathaniel Thorpe's land and on said Thorpe's land to said maple tree it is laid six rods wide and the line run on the north side of the road to this station - then beginning at a stake & stones 5 rods east of said maple and run on the east side of said road S.  $7^{\circ}$  W. 17 rods 7 links to the south west corner of Capt. Thorpe's old house on the east side of the old road then following the present travelled road over the mountain by Hitchcock's pasture to the brow of the hill S. E. of the pond brook & run on the west side of the location S.  $13\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 32 rods to stakes & stones - then S.  $20^{\circ}$  45' E. 40 rods to the end of Elisha Ashley's wall fence near the S. E. side of the marsh - then S.  $32^{\circ}$  E. to the Bush's notch road and crossing said road run on the same course 72 rods to stake & stones on the south side of the old road a little southerly of an angle in E. Ashley's stone wall and laid the same 3 rods wide. Said road is laid upon & over lands of Peter Hitchcock, Warren & Edmund Danks Nathaniel Thorpe, Allen Walcott & Elisha Ashley and no other person or Corporation was injured by said location and after hearing all who were interested and who chose to be heard upon the subject of damages we allowed & assessed to Edmund and Warren Danks the sum of one hundred & twenty five Dollars for their lands taken for said road no other person claimed damages for their lands and none were allowed except as above mentioned. The old road between Capt. Thorpe's house and the pond brook is to be thoroughly repaired and the hills hauled down & reduced wherever practicable and sandy & wet places covered with suitable to make a good & convenient road. The residue of the old road to the foot of the hill near Hosea Bliss' shop to be repaired & thoroughly worked and a sufficient quantity of earth to be hauled in at the foot of said hill and the road there raised that the ascent may be easy & convenient - The new piece of road between Capt. Thorpe and the north end of the location to be worked twenty feet wide exclusive of ditches except on the side hill where it may be eighteen feet - the lower side of the road on Thorpe's side hill to be raised so that the water shall pass into the ditch next the bank and the banks to be of proper slope that slides may be prevented - good & substantial railing to be placed on the side hill and permanent sluices, bridges & water courses to be built wherever they may be necessary; All low & wet places to be raised and all sandy places covered with materials that will make a hard & good road - The hill north of Danks to be hauled into the low ground on each side - a dry bridge is to be



built on Capt. Thorpe's land where he can be best accommodated for  
the passing of his cattle from one part of his farm to the other - In all  
other respects said road is to be widened and the repairs made in a  
workmanlike & substantial manner and to the acceptance of the  
County Commissioners on or before the first day of October 1830  
all which is submitted -

James W. Crooks & Seal County  
Gideon Stiles & Seal County  
Cyrus Knox & Seal

which report being read & considered is accepted and the way  
established as for a County or public highway -

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden - Road  
Humbly shew your petitioners that the present travelled road from from the  
the bridge in Palmer near the Methodist meetinghouse to Fenton's ~~bridge~~ <sup>Palmer</sup>  
Bridge in Brimfield is circuitous, hilly, narrow and inconvenient -  
-venient and may be greatly improved by laying a ~~new~~ road near the  
from said bridge to the new County road near Chippee river Methodist  
we therefore pray your Honors after due proceedings had to lay Meetinghouse  
and establish a road from said first bridge to the bridge near to Fenton's  
the shop of Asa Blanchard and from thence to some point Bridge in  
near the meetinghouse in Palmer and from some point on Brimfield  
the old road East of Asa Words house southerly on the most feasible  
ground to form a junction with the new county road upon or near  
the farm of Merriam Cooley and as in duty bound will ever pray  
Palmer January 1835 Signed Abner Allen Jan. 24 9 others

The aforesaid Petition was ordered at a meeting of the County Commissioners  
holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty five and continued from  
meeting to meeting to the meeting of said County Commissioners  
holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty six at which  
meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the  
house of Abner Allen Jr. in Palmer on Thursday the twentieth  
day of October next at ten o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose  
of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and  
after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein  
and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience  
and necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for and after  
locating to hear at said place of meeting all persons & corporations  
interested upon the subject of damages - Also ordered that notice  
be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition  
by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three  
weeks successively in the Hampden Whig and Springfield Gazette  
newspapers printed in said County the last publication to be  
fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - And it  
is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy  
serve the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of said petition  
and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two  
public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance  
of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting



The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.  
James M. Crooks Chairman  
and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty six and the Sheriff pursuant to the foregoing order makes the following return - "Hampden Co. Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 1836 I served the Town Clerk of Palmer with a true & attested copy of this petition & order of Notice thereon by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition  
C Rice Sheriff -

at which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners made their Report as follows "Hampden Co. October 20<sup>th</sup> 1836 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner as set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also having caused a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of Notice stating the time place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig & Springfield Gazette two Newspapers printed and published in said County the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the said time of meeting in conformity with the said order of notice - two of said Commissioners viz James M. Crooks & Gideon Stiles met at the time & place in said order mentioned and appointed, by Cyres Knapp the other County Commissioner being an Inhabitant of the Town of Palmer where the road prayed for in said petition is situated and being therefore disqualified by law to act in the premises being absent - wherefore the said Crooks & Stiles then & there present summoned & gave notice to Linus Bagg one of the special Commissioners to appear and act upon the subject matter of said petition and the said Bagg appearing upon such summons & notice with the said Crooks & Stiles thus constituting a board - ~~said~~ board of Commissioners thus constituted proceeded to view the old road and also the route for a new road as prayed for in said petition and having viewed the premises and heard all persons & corporations interested upon the subject matter of said petition the said Commissioners adjudged that in their opinion common convenience & necessity required that a new road should be laid between Allen's Tavern and the new bridge in Palmer a few rods south of the house of Benjamin Converse - and also that certain alterations and repairs should be made between said Allen's and the bridge near the Methodist meetinghouse mentioned in said petition and so report accordingly all which is submitted

James M. Crooks & Leol G. Combs  
Gideon Stiles & Leol G. Combs  
Leol G. Combs

which report being read & considered is accepted and the way



adjudged of Common convenience & necessity —  
And this petition was further continued from meeting to meeting to  
the meeting of said Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth  
Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred  
and thirty seven at which last meeting it was ordered that said  
Commissioners meet at the house of Abner Allen jun<sup>r</sup> in Palmer on  
Friday the Eleventh day of August next at eight o'clock in the fore  
noon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of  
said petition and after locating to hear all persons & corporations inter-  
ested upon the subject of damages — Also that notice be given to all  
persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing  
an abstract of said petition and a Notice of the time & place & purpose  
of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig  
and Republican & Journal Newspapers printed in said County  
the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said  
meeting — And is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or  
his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of  
said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post  
up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the  
substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time  
of said meeting — The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return  
hereof with his doing to the Chairman of said Commissioners at  
or before the time of said meeting — James W. Crooks Chairman  
And this petition was further continued from meeting to meeting  
to this meeting — And the Sheriff pursuant to the above order makes  
the following return "Hampden Co. July 10<sup>th</sup> 1837" I served the Town  
Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of the petition of said and  
order of Notice thereon by giving the same to him and also posted up  
in two public places in said Town an Abstract containing the substance  
of said petition  
C. Price Sheriff

And now at this Meeting the County Commissioners make  
their Report in writing as follows "Hampden Co. August 11<sup>th</sup> 1837"  
The County Commissioners of said County having given notice  
to all persons & Corporations interested in the foregoing petition  
in manner as set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said  
County and also having caused an Abstract of said petition con-  
taining the substance thereof stating the time place & purpose of the  
meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden  
Whig and Republican & Journal newspapers printed in said County  
the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to  
said time of meeting in conformity with said abstract so published  
and with the foregoing order of Notice two of said County Commissioners  
to wit, James W. Crooks and Gideon Stiles met at the time & place  
in said abstract & order mentioned & summoned Lemuel Wright a  
Special Commissioner in the place & stead of Cyrus Snow one of said  
County Commissioners who is an Inhabitant of said Town of Palmer  
where said road is situate and therefore disqualified by law to act  
in the premises and the said Wright appearing upon such  
summons and with the said Crooks & Stiles constituting a board  
and the said Board of Commissioners thus constituted proceeded to



lay out & establish certain Attractions in the Old road and certain  
pieces of new road as follows - to wit; Beginning on the west side  
side of the road off the intersection of a road leading from Bonds ville  
to three rivers near the house Ariel Fuller and run S.  $77^{\circ}$  E.  $3\frac{1}{2}$   
rods to a pine tree marked then S.  $71\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 31 rods 15 links to stake  
and stones then S.  $51\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 10 rods to a stake then S.  $53\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 36 rods  
to a stake then S.  $62^{\circ}$  E. 45 rods 2 links to stake, then S.  $50^{\circ}$  E. 17 rods  
19 links to stake - then S.  $30\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 12 rods 20 links to stake then S.  $25\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$   
E. 7 rods 16 links to stake - then S.  $3^{\circ}$  E. 10 rods 1 link to stake  
then S.  $19\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 5 rods to stake - then S.  $36\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 4 rods to a pine tree  
marked - then S.  $46\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 17 rods 10 links to pine tree marked then  
S.  $59^{\circ}$  E. 25 rods to maple tree marked then S.  $73\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 4 rods to a  
large black oak tree on the brow of the hill by the road a few rods  
northwily of Timothy Ferrills dwelling house then S.  $85\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 14 rods to  
the northeast corner of said Ferrills barn then S.  $81^{\circ}$  E. 19 rods 7  
links to a stake then S.  $70\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 5 rods to a stake then S.  $40\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 4 rods to  
stake then S.  $29^{\circ}$  E. 30 rods 15 links to a stone near the Southeastly  
corner of the Rhondine Company's Store and the last mentioned  
course commences on three rods wide for the road & terminates  
on 62 feet wide of solid stone - The road North of said last course  
is laid three rods wide and the line run on the west or right  
hand side - then commencing on the North line of said Company's  
land 62 feet easterly from said stone & run on the east or left hand  
side of the road S.  $21\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. ranging with the west point of said  
Company's dwelling houses 56 rods to a stake - then S.  $24\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E.  
15 rods to stake - then S.  $27\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 5 rods 10 links to stake then S.  $42\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$   
E. 9 rods to stake then S.  $40^{\circ}$  E. 16 rods to stake - then S.  $49^{\circ}$  E.  
23 rods 4 links to stake - then S.  $43^{\circ}$  E. 9 rods 7 links to stake  
then S.  $37\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 9 rods 15 links to stake, then S.  $43\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 6 rods 16 links  
to a stake - then S.  $26\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 3 rods 17 links to a rock and at this  
station the road laid 62 feet wide and from this station the  
road is laid three rods wide and running  $32\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  W. across the  
river 10 rods 15 links to an ash tree - then S.  $23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. to the three  
rivers road - then commencing Southwily of Allen's Tavern  
at a white oak tree marked on the easterly side of the road  
leading to Fantons bridge & near the house of Ebenezer Marney  
and run S.  $13^{\circ}$  E. 26 rods 17 links to a white oak marked -  
then on same course 54 rods 20 links to a stake - then S.  $6^{\circ}$  W.  
39 rods 10 links then S.  $13\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W. 56 rods the same course 10 rods to  
a stake - then S.  $31\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 10 rods 1 link to stake - then S.  $20\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$   
E. 5 rods 10 links then S.  $12\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W. 8 rods 12 links to stake then S.  $21\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$   
W. 4 rods to stake then S.  $22^{\circ}$  W. 5 rods 1 link to stake then S.  $24^{\circ}$  E.  
13 rods 10 links to stake then S.  $15\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 20 rods to stake then S.  $15^{\circ}$  E.  
26 rods to stake then S.  $10^{\circ}$  E. 27 rods 10 links to stake by the wall  
then S.  $7\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W. 36 rods then S.  $3\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  W. 32 rods 1 link to stake - then  
S.  $3^{\circ}$  E. 8 rods to stake then S.  $26\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 22 rods to an oak tree then  
S.  $6\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 49 rods 22 links to stake then S.  $9\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 6 rods 15 links to  
pine tree marked then S.  $1^{\circ}$  E. 12 rods 13 links to pine tree  
marked then S.  $4\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 7 rods then S.  $21\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 46 rods 10 links to a  
stake - (The road is laid 4 rods from the oak on course S.  $6\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E.



to 15 rods on course  $S. 21\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E.$  Then  $S. 24\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E.$  52 rods to stake  
then  $S. 49^{\circ} E.$  25 rods to a Cherry tree on the east side of Merrick Cooley's  
land then  $S. 47^{\circ} E.$  50 rods on land of Pliny Cooley the same course  
34 rods on land of Benjamin & Hiram Converse to the County Road  
the line run is on the east or left hand side of the road and said  
road is laid three rods wide except between courses  $S. 4\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E.$  &  $S. 21\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E.$   
as above stated where it is laid four rods wide from the line run -  
and we have laid & established said Attention and said new  
pieces of road as a public highway - And after locating and  
establishing the same we heard all persons & corporations who  
chose to be heard on the subject of damages for lands taken for  
said road and allowed & assessed the same as follows

To Timothy Farrell One Hundred & twenty dollars - to Ebenezer  
Harvey Five dollars to Luther Shaw One Hundred dollars to Noah  
and John Moore Forty dollars to Polly Kendall Twenty six  
dollars to Merrick Cooley Two Hundred & fifty dollars to Pliny  
Cooley One Hundred & ten dollars to Benjamin & Hiram Converse  
Ninety five dollars. The Thorndike Company by Jacob B.  
Merrick their Agent relinquished all claims for damages - no  
damages were claimed by any persons for lands taken except  
those above mentioned and no other person or corporation  
was injured by said location - In the construction of said  
road the following particulars are to be observed the travel path  
is to be 20 feet wide exclusive of good & capacious ditches, all  
knolls & hills to be properly reduced & hauled down and all low  
and wet places raised & filled up and all sandy places properly  
hardened, all bridges, sluices and watercourses to be made of stone  
whenever practicable and built in a permanent & substantial manner  
in all cases - all roots stumps & stones are to be removed from  
the bed of the road before it is formed - All sandy & wet places to be  
covered with suitable materials to make a hard & dry road and  
suitable railing to be erected in all places where necessary for the  
safety of the traveller - a dry bridge to be built on Luther Shaw's  
land for the passing of his Cattle from one part of his farm  
to the other - care is to be taken not to disturb the watercourse  
of Merrick Cooley which is now used for irrigating his lands &  
for other purposes - Timothy Farrell is allowed two years to  
remove his cider mill from the road as located and altered ~~at~~  
near his house the road to be made sufficiently crowning that  
the water may not remain thereon but pass directly into the  
ditches; On Merrick Cooley's land where the road is laid four  
rods wide South of the White oak tree the road is to be worked  
as near the west line as may be practicable and brought to an easy  
grade, in all parts of the road when constructed the angle of the  
elevation with the horizon is not exceed three degrees and in  
all other respects said road is to be constructed in a good work-  
= manlike & substantial manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners  
of said County on or before the first day of October 1830 Owners of land are  
allowed eight months to remove their wood timber & other - James W. Crook's local  
obstructions from said Road all which is submitted - Gideon Hiles local  
which report being read & considered is accepted & the way established as a public highway  
Lucius Wright local



Road in  
Westfield from  
Osborns Mill  
to Little Hill  
Brook so called

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
The undersigned petitioners respectfully represent that the road leading  
from Osborns Mill in Westfield to Little Brook Hill so called is  
hilly & crooked and your petitioners are of the opinion that a  
new road laid from near said Osborns Mill in nearly a  
direct line to the top of said hill would accommodate the public  
therefore we pray that your Honorable body would view the proposed  
route and if you think the public convenience requires a new  
location you will lay the same and as in duty bound shall  
ever pray - Westfield Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 1835 - Hiram Hull & others  
The aforesaid petition was entered at the Meeting of the County  
Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of  
October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
thirty five and continued from meeting to meeting to the Meeting  
held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year  
our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty six at which  
meeting "one the aforesaid petition ordered that said Commis-  
sioners meet at the house of Chauncy Poole in Westfield on  
Tuesday the twenty fifth day of October next at Nine O. Clock in  
the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the  
prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons  
and corporations interested therein and if the same shall be  
adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity to  
proceed to locate the road prayed for and after locating to  
hear at said place of meeting all persons & corporations  
interested upon the subject of damages - Also ordered  
that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested  
in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this  
order thereon three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig  
a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be  
fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting and it  
is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy  
serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said  
petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up  
in two public places in said Town an abstract containing  
the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before  
the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make  
return herof with his doings to the Chairman at or before the  
time of said meeting - James M. Crooks Chairman  
and this petition was further continued from meeting to meeting  
to the meeting of said Commissioners holden for said County on  
the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred & thirty six - And the Sheriff of said County  
pursuant to the foregoing order makes the following return -  
"Hampden Co. Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 1836 I have served the Town Clerk of  
Westfield with a true & attested copy of the petition aforesaid and  
order of notice thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling house  
and also posted up in two public places in said Town an  
abstract containing the substance of said petition  
E. Pine Sheriff -



At which last mentioned Meeting the County Commissioners made the following Report "Hampden Co. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 1836 The County Commissioners of said County, having given Notice to all persons & Corporations interested in the foregoing petition as set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also having caused a copy of said petition with the foregoing order of Notice stating the time place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig a Newspaper printed & published in said County the last publication thereof being fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting in conformity with the said order of Notice met at the time & place in the said order mentioned and proceeded to view the route for a Road as prayed for in said petition - And after viewing the said route and hearing all persons & corporations interested in said petition who chose to be heard in the premises the said Commissioners adjudged that in their opinion Common Convenience & necessity required that a new road should be laid & established between the termini as prayed for in said petition and so the Commissioners report accordingly all which is submitted -

James W. Crooks Secy of County  
Gideon Hiles Seal } Commissioners  
Ezra J. Inap - Seal }

Which Report being read & considered is accepted and <sup>the</sup> road adjudged of Common convenience & necessity - And this petition was further continued from meeting to meeting the meeting held on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Chauncy Rose in Westfield on Friday the twenty Ninth day of September next at ten O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and after locating to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also that Notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time & place & purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig and the Republican and Journal Newspapers printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

James W. Crooks Chairman  
And this petition was further continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and the Sheriff pursuant to the foregoing order makes the following return "Hampden Co. Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> 1837 I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of the petition for a road and order of Notice by giving the same to him & also posted up in



two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

E Rice Sheriff

And now at this meeting The County Commissioners make the following report - "Hampden Co. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 1837 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also by causing an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof and stating the time place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig and Republican & Journal Newspapers printed in said County the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the time of said meeting in conformity with the said abstract so published and of the foregoing order of notice met at the time and place in said abstract do hereby mention and proceeded to lay out & establish a new highway as prayed for in said petition and did lay out & establish the same as follows to wit: "Beginning by the old highway on land of Chauncy Pease a few rods northwesterly of the saw mill at a Stake & stones and run north  $53^{\circ} 30' E$ . 140 rods to a Stake & stones then  $N. 50^{\circ} E$ . 22 rods 14 links to a Stake & stones thence  $N. 60^{\circ} E$ . 10 rods 12 links to a stake and stones then  $S. 3^{\circ} E$ . 12 rods to a stake & stones then  $S. 10^{\circ} W$ . 15 rods to an Apple tree marked then  $E. 13^{\circ} N$ . 10 rods to a walnut tree marked then  $E. 2^{\circ} S$ . 4 rods to a chestnut tree where it intersects the old road - said road is laid three rods wide from the place of beginning to the brook on Pliny Loomis' land and from thence four rods wide to the old road and the line run is the North or left hand side of the road - and is laid upon land of Chauncy Pease, Isaac Ensign Timothy Stoddins, Ashbel Dawey George Dawey, Plinn Loomis and Sylvanus G. Morley - After locating said road and after hearing all persons & corporations interested who chose to be heard upon the subject of damages was allowed and assessed damages as follows to wit -

- To Chauncy Pease Fifty Dollars
- " Isaac Ensign One Hundred twenty five Dollars
- " Timothy Stoddins - Sixty Dollars
- " Ashbel Dawey - Sixty five Dollars
- " George Dawey - Five Dollars
- " Plinn Loomis - Eight Dollars
- " Sylvanus G. Morley - Five Dollars

Said road is to be worked twenty feet wide exclusive of the ditches and made sufficiently crooning that the water shall not stand or remain upon the road - The lower side of the road to be raised higher than the side next the hill - all low and wet places to be well raised and covered with suitable materials to make a hard & dry road - all knolls and hills to be properly hauled down & reduced - bridges sluices & watercourses to be erected in a permanent & substantial manner when the safety and security of the road requires it as also good



and sufficient railing - The bridge across the brook on Loomis land  
to be raised at least five feet above the banks - The elevation with the  
horizon not to exceed three degrees in any place after the road is  
completed - all stumps, roots & stones to be removed from the bed of the  
road before it is formed - where any deep cutting is required  
the banks are to be brought to a proper slope not exceeding forty five  
degrees with the horizon - A sufficient number of drains  
are to be constructed in order that the water shall not run too far in  
the ditches whereby the road sides will be injured - and in all  
other respects said road is to be constructed in a permanent &  
substantial & workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the  
County Commissioners on or before the first day of September next  
and until the first day of April next is allowed the owners  
of land to remove timber and other obstructions from said road  
all which is submitted -

James W. Crooks Seal }  
Cyrus Jones Seal } County  
Gideon Hiles - Seal } Comrs

Which report being read & considered is accepted and the  
road established as a public highway -

Road in  
West Springfield

To The Honorable board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire  
The undersigned Inhabitants of West Springfield in said County respectfully from  
represent that the public good & convenience require that a County road  
be laid from the Sewing ferry to intersect the County road leading from the County  
Springfield to Northampton somewhere between the schoolhouse in Road leading  
School district N. 6. and the North side of the road now travelled from Springfield  
from the Sewing ferry to the aforesaid County road - they therefore  
pray that you would please to view & lay a road as aforesaid and on Petition of  
as in duty bound will pray - Mattoon Day & 19 others Mattoon Day  
The aforesaid petition was entered at the Meeting of the County Com-  
missioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December  
in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirty five and  
continued from meeting to meeting to the Meeting held for said  
County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord One  
thousand eight hundred & thirty seven at which meeting it was  
ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Abner Miller  
in West Springfield on Monday the twenty second day of May next  
at Nine O'Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to  
view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to  
hear all persons & corporations interested therein and if the same  
shall be adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity to  
proceed to locate the road prayed for and after locating to hear  
at said place of meeting all persons & corporations interested upon  
the subject of damages - Also ordered that Notice be given to  
all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing  
a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively  
in the Republican & Journal a Newspaper printed in said County  
the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time  
of said meeting and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said  
County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of West Springfield with



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an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at  
least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract  
containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before  
the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make  
return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners  
at or before the time of said meeting - James W. Crooks Chairman  
and this petition was continued to the meeting of said Commissioners  
held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June last past and the  
Sheriff of said County pursuant to the foregoing order made the following  
return "Hampden ss. April 20<sup>th</sup> 1837 By virtue of the foregoing  
order I have served the Town Clerk of West Springfield with a true &  
attested copy of said petition & order of Notice thereon by giving the  
same to him and also posted up in two public places in said town  
an abstract containing the substance of said petition

E. Rice Sheriff

at which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners  
made the following report -

"Hampden ss. May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1837 The County Commissioners of said  
County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested  
in the foregoing petition in manner as set forth in the foregoing  
return of the Sheriff of said County and also having caused a  
copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of Notice  
stating the time place & purposes of the meeting to be published  
three weeks successively in the Republican & Journal a news  
paper printed & published in said County the last publication  
thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the time of said  
meeting in conformity with the said order of Notice met at  
the time & place in said order mentioned and proceeded to  
view the premises as set forth and described in the foregoing  
petition and also to view the old road between the termini  
mentioned and having viewed the premises & heard all persons  
and corporations interested who chose to be heard in the matter of  
said petition - the said Commissioners adjudged that in this  
opinion common convenience & necessity did not require  
a new road between the termini as prayed for in said petition  
but that certain alterations and repairs should be made in the  
old road as now travelled from the Swing ferry to the Northampton  
road near the new Meetinghouse a few rods north of Crafts  
Tavern and so report accordingly - all which is submitted

James W. Crooks & seal } County  
Gideon Hiles & seal } Com<sup>rs</sup>  
Ezra Throp & seal }

Which report being read & considered is accepted and the  
way adjudged of common convenience & necessity at which last  
mentioned meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at  
Crafts Tavern in West Springfield on Friday the first day of September  
next at Nine O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding  
to locate according to the prayer of said petition and of the locating  
to hear all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of  
damages - Also that notice be given to all persons <sup>and</sup> corporations



interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time & place & purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampshire Whig a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Northampton with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting the Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

James W. Crooks Chairman

and this petition was further continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County pursuant to the foregoing order made the following return "Hampden Co. July 29<sup>th</sup> 1837 I served the Town Clerk with an attested copy of the petition of said order of Notice thereon by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

E. Price Sheriff

and now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their report in writing as follows "Hampden Co. September 1<sup>st</sup> 1837 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also having caused an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof to be published three weeks successively in the Hampshire Whig a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the time of meeting - in conformity with said abstract so published as aforesaid and of the foregoing order of Notice met at the time & place therein mentioned and proceeded to lay out & establish certain alterations and direct certain repairs in said old road leading to the Swing ferry as follows to wit: Beginning at a stone on the South side of <sup>old</sup> ferry road at its junction with the Northampton road and run nearly on the South side of old road E.  $7\frac{1}{4}$ ° N. 102 rods to two small black oaks marked - then E. 5° S. 79 rods 5 links to stone and stones in Abner Millers pasture on the brow of money hole hill and to this station the road is laid three rods wide - then E.  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ° S. 20 rods to stone & stones and widening to six rods for road from the last to this station - then E.  $43\frac{1}{4}$ ° S. 13 rods to stone & stones then S.  $20\frac{1}{4}$ ° E. 9 rods to stone & stones by Millers Spring and from this station narrowing the road to four rods at the next station which is on a course S. 1° E. 10 rods to stone & stones in the old burying yard then S.  $34$ ° E. 3 rods 5 links to stone & stones then E.  $14$ ° S.  $24\frac{1}{2}$  rods to land of Joseph Morgan - then on same course  $52\frac{1}{2}$  rods to stone & stones - then E.  $2\frac{1}{4}$ ° N. 61 rods 9 links to land of Mottson Day at stone & stones - then E. 5° S. 27 rods fifteen links to land of Hadley Galls Company - then on same course 17 rods to stone & stones - then E.  $10\frac{1}{2}$ ° S. 15 rods to stone & stones - then E.  $35\frac{1}{2}$ ° S. 9 rods to stone and stones then E.  $30\frac{3}{4}$ ° S. 12 rods and widening the road to four rods



two public lands  
at this station, and the same width continued to the River then from  
last station E.  $40\frac{1}{4}$  S. 14 rods 6 links to stone & stones by the fence  
then S.  $34^\circ$  E. 26 rods to a small hard maple south of the old black  
smith shop - then S.  $20^\circ$  E. 11 rods 22 links to the west side of the road  
leading from the factory to the house of John D. Ely then same course  
crossing the Ely road to stone & stones by the fence opposite the Factory  
Stone 7 rods 16 links then S.  $30\frac{1}{2}$  E. 44 rods to stone & stones then  
E.  $25\frac{3}{4}$  S. 16 rods to stone & stones by the fence - then E.  $12\frac{1}{2}$  S.  
12 rods 20 links to land of Joseph Ely at a stone by the fence  
then E.  $27^\circ$  N. 60 rods to the Northeast corner of Joseph Ely's stone  
wall - then E.  $6^\circ$  S. 19 rods to the N.E. corner of said Ely's shop by the  
ferry following nearly the line of Ely's fence to the shop then same  
course to the River - said road is to be worked twenty feet wide  
exclusive of ditches - to be made sufficiently crowning - Money hole  
hill to be hauled down and the sandy places to be hardened with  
suitable materials and brought to as small a degree of elevation  
as may be practicable - ditches, & watercourses to be constructed  
wherever necessary for the security & permanency of the road  
where no alteration is made in the location the road is to be  
thoroughly worked and repaired and all sandy places to be  
properly hardened - and in all other respects said road is to be  
constructed in a substantial & workmanlike manner and finished  
to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before  
the first day of October 1830 - After locating said road and having  
all persons & corporations interested in the subject of damages we  
assessed and allowed damages for lands taken for the same as  
follows to wit -

- To Abner Miller Seventy five Dollars
- " Luther Trimb Twenty eight Dollars
- " Luther Fairfield Six Dollars -
- " Joseph Morgan - Forty Six Dollars
- " Mattoon Day - Twenty Dollars
- " Warren Chapin - One Dollar
- " Hadley Falls Company Twenty Dollars

Joseph Ely relinquished all claims for damages and the  
Hadley Falls Company by their Agent M<sup>r</sup> Smith claimed no  
damages for lands Easterly of the Blacksmith shop but relin-  
-quished the same - No other person or Corporation was  
injured or claimed damages - all which is submitted

James M. Crooks & Seal } County  
Cyrus Knapp & Seal } Com.  
Gideon Stiles & Seal }

Which report being read & considered is accepted and the way  
established as for a County road

Prood in

Westfield dison. To the Honorable board of Commissioners for the County of  
New Bedford River Hampshire - The undersigned Inhabitants of the Town of  
Bridge on Westfield in said County respectfully represent that whereas  
Peter Warren the Town of Westfield five years ago built across the Great River  
Abolition Bridge so called and located it five or six rods up the River



from the old bridge and consequently laid a new road from the bridge  
running <sup>leaving the road running northwardly</sup> Northwardly from the old bridge by Isaac Hordin's land  
of no use to the public they therefore pray that you would discontinue  
the old road from the River to Isaac Hordin's Southwest corner &  
as in duty bound shall ever pray - Horace Noble & others  
Westfield 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1836

The aforesaid petition was entered at the Meeting of the County  
Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of  
October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred &  
thirty six and continued to the Meeting of said Commissioners  
holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of  
our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven and at which  
last mentioned <sup>meeting</sup> ~~except~~ it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at  
the house of John Rogers in Westfield on Wednesday the fourteenth  
day of June next at two O'Clock in the afternoon for the purpose  
of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition & after  
viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein and  
if the same shall be adjudged to be unnecessary and not of common  
convenience & necessity to proceed to discontinue said road as  
prayed for and after discontinuing to meet at said place of meeting  
all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages  
also ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations  
interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition  
and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Springfield  
Gazette a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication  
to be fourteen days at least before the time of said Meeting  
And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his  
Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said  
petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two  
public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance  
of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said Meeting  
The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings  
to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said  
meeting -

James M. Crocker Chairman

and this petition was further continued to the meeting held on the fourth Tuesday of  
June last and the Sheriff of said County pursuant to the foregoing order  
made the following return <sup>to wit</sup> "Hampden's May 9<sup>th</sup> 1837  
I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with a true & attested  
copy of the petition aforesaid and order of Notice thereon by giving  
the same to him and also posted up in two public places in  
said Westfield an abstract containing the substance of said petition  
(Recd Sheriff)

At which last mentioned Meeting the County Commissioners made  
the following Report "Hampden's June 14<sup>th</sup> 1837 The County  
Commissioners of said County having given Notice to all persons  
and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set  
forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also  
having caused a copy of said petition together with the foregoing  
order of Notice stating the time place & purpose of the meeting to be  
published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette



A Newspaper printed in said County the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to said time of Meeting in conformity with said order of Notice met at the time & place therein mentioned and proceeded to view the road set forth and described in said petition and having viewed the same & heard all persons & corporations interested therein who chose to be heard in the premises said Commissioners ordered that said petition and all adjudications on the subject of the view & meeting aforesaid be adjourned & postponed to the next regular meeting of said Commissioners to be held at the Court house in Springfield in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June current when & where all persons & corporations interested therein may be heard further concerning the same

By order of the board - James M. Crooks Chairman  
Hampden Co. County Commissioners meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of June 1837 - Ordered by said Commissioners that the further consideration of said petition and all adjudications & proceedings thereon be continued & adjourned to the next regular <sup>term</sup> meeting of said Commissioners to be held at the Court House in Springfield within & for said County on the first Tuesday of October next when and where all persons and corporations interested may be heard therein By order of the board James M. Crooks Chairman  
Hampden Co. County Commissioners meeting at Springfield October Term 1837 -

And now at this term said Commissioners having further heard all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition who chose to be heard adjudge that in their opinion said Road is unnecessary & not of common convenience & necessity and that the same may be discontinued consistently with the public interests & accommodation - And we have accordingly discontinued the same as a public highway or a road according to the prayer of said petition no person or Corporation was injured by the discontinuance of said road and after hearing all who chose to be heard upon the subject of damages no damages were claimed by any person or corporation and none allowed and so report accordingly all which is submitted

James M. Crooks & Seal } County  
Gideon Stiles & Seal } Com.  
Cyrus Knox & Seal }

Which report being read and considered is accepted -

Road in Palmer leading from Thorndike Village in Palmer to Three Rivers on Pat. of Jacob B Morris & Co. To the Honorable board of County Commissioners for Hampden County at their session next to be holden at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April 1837

The Subscribers Inhabitants of Palmer in said County and of the Towns in that vicinity Respectfully represent that the road leading from Thorndike Village in said Palmer to Three Rivers is circuitous and inconvenient to the public and that the public convenience and necessity require the location of a new public highway beginning at Thorndike Village thence crossing over Rivers and running in a westerly direction to connect with the



proposed road leading from three rivers to Palmer near the house of Jonathan M. Elwain they therefore pray that the same may be viewed and such lays & alterations made and established as the convenience of the public require March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1837 - Jacob B. Merrick & 53 others  
The aforesaid petition was entered at the Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Abel Calthers in Palmer on Monday the twelfth day of June next at 11 O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of providing to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for and after locating to hear at said place of meeting all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Hampshire Whig a news paper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting -

James M. Crooks Chairman

and this petition was continued to the meeting of said County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June last past and the Sheriff of said County pursuant to the foregoing order makes the following return "Hampden Co. May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1837 I served the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid & order of notice thereon and posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

E Rice Sheriff

at which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners made their report in writing as follows "Hampden Co. June 12 1837 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner as set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also having caused a copy of said petition with the foregoing order of notice stating the time place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampshire Whig a news paper printed & published in said County the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the time of said meeting in conformity with said order of notice two of said Commissioners viz James M. Crooks & Gideon Stiles met at the time & place in said order mentioned but the other standing Commissioners Cyrus Knox was



absent and did not attend by reason of interest he being an Submitter of the Town where the road prayed for is situate wherefore the Commissioners then present gave notice to & summoned Lucius Wright a Special Commissioner of said County who forthwith attended on such notice & summons and the board of Commissioners thus constituted proceeded to view the route for a road as set forth in said petition and having viewed the same and heard all persons & corporations interested who chose to be heard in the matter of said petition the said Commissioners adjudged that in their opinion common convenience and necessity require that a new road should be laid out and established from near the house of Jonathan M. Elwaine to the Old road on the Northerly side of Ware River near the Thorndike Factory and so report accordingly - all which is submitted

James W. Crookus & Scaly County  
Gideon Hiles & Scaly County  
Lucius Wright Special Com.

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the way adjudged of Common Convenience & necessity  
And at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Abel Colburn in Palmer on Thursday the tenth day of August next at Nine O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and after locating to hear all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time & place & purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampshire Whig a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

James W. Crookus Chairman

And this petition was further continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows -

"Hampden ss. July 10<sup>th</sup> 1837 I served the Town Clerk of Palmer with a true and attested copy of the petition aforesaid and copies of Notice thereon by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Palmer an abstract containing the substance of said petition - E. Rice Sheriff

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows "Hampden ss. August 10<sup>th</sup> 1837 The County Commissioners of said County having given Notice to all persons interested in the foregoing petition in manner as set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also having



caused an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof and stating the time place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampshire Whig a newspaper printed & published in said County the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the said time of meeting two of said Commissioners to wit James M. Crooks and Gideon Stiles and a Special Commissioner to wit Lucius Wright in the place & stead of Cyrus Shap one of the County Commissioners who did not appear and act on an said petition by reason of interest he being an inhabitant of the Town of Palmer where said road prayed for is situated met at the time & place in said abstract & notice mentioned & published as aforesaid thus constituting a board and proceeded to lay out and establish a public highway in manner as follows, to wit, —

Commencing at Thorndike's Village in Palmer sixty feet from the N. W. <sup>S. 69° W. from said corner & run thence</sup> corner of house No. 3. on a course bearing S. 66° W. 10 rods 22 links to the Canal thence across the Canal 31 feet thence four rods 10 links to the River thence across the River 11 rods 10 links to a white oak tree marked and to this station the road laid sixty feet wide — thence S. 35° W. 36 rods to a stone and at this station the road is reduced to three rods the narrowing to commence at the last station by the white oak tree — thence S. 75° W. 82 rods to a post at the southwest corner of said Thorndike Company's land on the highway and by land of Jonathan M. Elwaine and to this station the road is laid three rods wide — the line of the road run is the right hand or northerly side thereof and is laid upon and over lands of the Thorndike Company and of Franklin Morgan — The Thorndike Company by their Agent Jacob B. Merrick who was present relinquished all claims to damages for the lands so taken and we have allowed and assessed damages to Franklin Morgan for his land so taken for said road the sum of twelve Dollars — We have estimated the expense of constructing said road and building the bridge across the River at Five Hundred Dollars — the bridge across the Canal is to be built by said Thorndike Company without cost or charge to the Town or County but at the expense of said Company which is according to the voluntary agreement, offer & proposition of said Company — And we have allowed the sum of one hundred dollars to be paid to the Town of Palmer out of the County Treasury when ever said road and bridge shall be finished to the acceptance of the County Commissioners and said road is to be finished and completed to the acceptance of said Commissioners on or before the first day of October 1830.

In the construction of said road the following particulars are to be observed the travel path to be twenty feet wide exclusive of good ditches on the sides — The road to be well raised & made sufficiently crowning for the water to pass into the ditches — good sluices mounds & watercourses are to be made whenever necessary along the road — the bridge across the River to be built of good sound oak or chestnut timber and covered with planks three inches thick and built in a workmanlike <sup>& substantial</sup> manner and to be of a height sufficient to make the ascent of the hill on the south side easy &



two public roads convenient and not to exceed an elevation of three degrees the canal bridge also to be built in good substantial & workmanlike manner and both of said bridges are to be fourteen feet wide in the clear all hills and knolls are to be properly hauled down & reduced and all low and wet places to be raised & filled up. And all other respects said road is to be constructed in a good workmanlike & substantial manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners of said County on or before the said first day of October 1830 — all which is submitted

James W. Crooks & Seal of County  
Gideon Stiles & Seal of County  
Lucius Wright & Seal of Special Comm.

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the way established as a public highway

Road in Westfield To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
The undersigned ask leave respectfully to represent that the road leading from Westfield Grook River Bridge to Norwich by the houses occupied by Charles Gaylord, Elisha G. Cook and Owen Drake to Bridge to Norwich Southampton line is in many places crooked and very narrow & by the houses of inconvenient for the public travel and the record of the original Charles Gaylord laying out is not to be found. Your petitioners therefore pray your Elisha G. Cook Honorable body to view the route aforesaid and make such alterations and improvements as the public convenience require to Southampton and as in duty bound shall ever pray —

Westfield March 13 1837 — Owen Drake & 50 others

The aforesaid petition was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirty seven at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Thomas Fitch in Westfield on Thursday the fifteenth day of June next at ten o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for and after locating to hear at said place of meeting all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages &c. Also ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting — And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least & post up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting — The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

James W. Crooks Chairman



And this petition was continued to the meeting of said County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June last past at which the Sheriff of said County pursuant to the foregoing order made his return as follows. "Hampden. May 9<sup>th</sup> 1837 I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with a true and attested copy of the petition of said and order of Notice thereon by giving the same to him & posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition. C. Rice Sheriff —

At which said meeting the County Commissioners made their report as follows — "Hampden. June 13<sup>th</sup> 1837 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner as set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also having caused a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of Notice stating the time place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig a Newspaper printed <sup>& published</sup> in said County the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the said time of meeting — in conformity with the said order of Notice met at the time & place in said order mentioned & proceeded to view the road in said petition described and having viewed said road & heard all persons & corporations interested who chose to be heard in the premises said Commissioners adjudged that in their opinion common convenience & necessity require that certain alterations and specific repairs should be made in certain parts of said road between the said Great River Bridge and the line of the Town of Southampton near the house lately owned & occupied by Otis Root and so report accordingly — All which is Submitted —

James W. Crooks Secy of County  
Gideon Stiles & Secy } Com.  
Cyrus Knox & Secy }

Which report being read & considered is accepted and the alterations adjudged of common convenience & necessity and at which last mentioned meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Thomas Fitch in Westfield on Thursday the twenty eighth day of September <sup>next</sup> at Nine O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and after locating to hear all persons & corporations upon the subject of damages — Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time & place & purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig & Springfield Gazette Newspapers printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting — And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting — The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of



Said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks Chairman  
and this petition was further continued to this meeting and the  
Sheriff of said County pursuant to said Order makes his return as  
follows - "Hampden Co. May 24<sup>th</sup> 1837 I served the Town Clerk of  
Westfield with a true & attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of  
notice thereon by giving the same to him and also posted up in two  
public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of  
said petition -  
E. Rice Sheriff

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make  
their report in writing as follows "Hampden Co. Sep<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1837  
The County Commissioners of said County having giving notice  
to all persons & Corporations interested in the foregoing petition  
in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said  
County and also having caused an abstract of said petition  
containing the substance thereof together with the time place &  
purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively  
in the Hampden Whig & Springfield Gazette two Newspapers  
printed in said County the last publication thereof being <sup>at least</sup> fourteen  
days previous to said meeting - in conformity with the foregoing  
order of notice and of the abstract so published as aforesaid met  
at the time & place therein mentioned and proceeded to lay  
out and establish certain alterations prayed for in said  
petition and accordingly did lay out & establish the same  
as follows (viz) Beginning at a Cherry tree in the garden of  
Lyman Root on the Southampton line on the east side of the road  
and run thence S. 25° E. 40 rods to Peter Williams barn then S. 26°  
E. 11 rods 10 links to a maple tree on land of Owen Drake then  
same course 19 rods to the South one of four Maples near each other  
in line then S. 15° 30' E. 30 rods to a stone mark the house of Horace  
Allen then S. 9° E. 64 rods 9 links to a chestnut tree in the hollow  
South of Thomas Fitch's house then S. 4° E. 20 rods 15 links to the  
Northwest corner of the burying ground - then S. 3° E. 19 rods 16  
links to two cherry trees - then S. 2° 30' E. 39 rods to the west side of  
Elisha Clark's well - then S. 11° E. 20 rods to a stone on a knoll  
then S. 17° E. 15 rods 13 links to a stone then S. 1° W. 14 rods to an  
apple tree on the South side of Owen Drake's land then S. 12° W.  
29 rods to a post in the fence then S. 15° W. 25 rods to a stone North  
side E. C. Cook's barn - then S. 12° W. 24 rods passing through said  
Cook's barn to the stone wall in the fence just South side of  
his new house - then S. 6° W. 30 rods on said fence to a maple  
saddle marked - then same course to a stone opposite the house  
of Asa Chapman 40 rods - then S. 4° W. 49 rods to an oak tree marked  
where it intersects the three rod road 49 rods South of Asa Chapman's  
then following the town road to the guide board a few rods South  
of Elisha Johnson's house and beginning on the west side of the Montgomery  
road at a yellow pine tree marked and run S. 5° 30' W. 46 rods  
then S. 22° E. 31 rods to a white pine marked - then S. 11° 30' E. 31  
rods to a small chestnut tree marked then S. 13° E. 53 rods 13 links  
to a small pine marked then same course 119 rods to a white



pine near the road that leads to the Boonville Post place then S.  $24^{\circ}30'$  E.  
 37 rods to a yellow pine marked near the road that leads to Trainfield or  
 Garrow's Town then S.  $23^{\circ}30'$  E. 27 rods then S.  $22^{\circ}30'$  E. 150 rods to two black  
 oak trees marked the line passing between said trees equidistant from  
 each on land of James Mosely then S.  $23^{\circ}$  E. 110 rods to a stake in the  
 fence on the knoll North of Caleb Simkins house then South  
 to a stake 20 links East of Samuel J. Preeds Northeast corner post  
 near his house 37 rods where it intersects the road leading by the  
 Bosworths - the road is laid three rods wide following the general  
 course of the old road - and the line run from the place of Beginning  
 on Symon Roots land to the guide board is the East or left hand  
 side and from the guide board to S. J. Preeds the West or right hand  
 side - an alteration at Cross River Bridge as follows - begin at  
 a button ball tree about 6 feet from the Northeast side and East end  
 of the bridge and run N.  $32^{\circ}$  E. on a line with the Northwest end of  
 Horace Nobles new shop by the end of the bridge through the centre  
 of the chimney of said Nobles two story building called the Factory  
 store to the old road by J. Rogers tavern and have taken all the  
 land lying between the present road and the line above described  
 for highway - And we have allowed Horace Noble the term of  
 seven years to remove his buildings from the road as located -  
 After hearing all persons & corporations who chose to be heard on the  
 subject of damages for lands taken for said road we assessed and  
 allowed damages as follows (vid) To Bela Bates, Five dollars  
 Poston Williams Fifteen dollars, Owen Drake Twenty dollars  
 Thomas Fitch five dollars, Sturges Upson One dollar Samuel  
 Upson two dollars Joseph King One dollar Widow Miranda  
 King and the heirs of Bela King deceased five dollars Morris  
 Cowles five dollars Edward Root two dollars Elisha Clark twelve  
 dollars Elisha G. Cook Seventy five dollars, Joseph Dudley two  
 dollars Horace Noble one dollar Asa Chapman One dollar  
 no other persons were injured by the location of said Road  
 said road is to be constructed in a workmanlike manner -  
 the travel path to be twenty feet wide and all trees, brush  
 and other incumbrances are to be cleared at least 30 feet wide  
 the road is to be made sufficiently crowning that the water may  
 pass directly into the ditches - and in all other respects said road  
 is to be constructed in a permanent & substantial manner  
 with good & sufficient ditches bridges & water courses & finished  
 to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the  
 first day of October in the year 1830 all which is submitted

James W. Crookins Secy of County  
 Cyrus Knox and Seal } Comrs  
 Gideon Stiles Secy

which report being read & considered is accepted and the way  
 established for and as a public highway



Road in

Westfield near

The County Bridge

so called, altered

two hundred

To the board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

The undersigned petitioners respectfully represent that the road leading from Westfield to Springfield near the County Bridge so called is washed away and otherwise out of repair; we pray that you will view said road from near the junction with the road leading to Montgomery on the west side of the river to the house of Edmund Noble and make such alterations as you may think the public requires - J. M. Parsons & others

Westfield June 26<sup>th</sup> 1837

The aforesaid petition was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty seven at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Edmund Noble in Westfield on Wednesday the twenty seventh day of September next at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for and after locating to hear at the place of meeting all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

James M. Crookes Chairman

and this petition was continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County pursuant to the foregoing order makes his return as follows - "Hampden Co. August 24<sup>th</sup> 1837 I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition C. Rice Sheriff and now at this meeting the County Commissioners make report in writing as follows - "Hampden Co. Sept<sup>r</sup> 27 1837

The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also by causing a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of notice stating the time place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the



Hampden Whig a newspaper printed in said County the last pub-  
-lication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the time of said  
meeting in conformity with the said order of Notice met at the time  
and place in said order mentioned and proceeded to view the road  
in said petition described and having viewed the same and heard  
all persons & Corporations interested therein who chose to be heard in  
the premises said Commissioners adjudged that in their opinion  
Common convenience & necessity require that an alteration should  
be made in said road between the County Bridge and the dwelling  
house of Edmund Noble of all which the said Commissioners then and  
there gave notice to all persons & corporations then there present and no  
objection being made by any person or Corporation interested therein  
the said Commissioners proceeded to locate said alteration and to lay  
out and establish the same as a public highway as follows to wit  
Begin at a post ten links from the Northeast corner of Stephen  
Harrison's house a few rods Southwesterly of Edmund Noble's dwelling  
- house and run thence S. 54° E. 17 rods 16 links to a stake by William  
Ingersoll's fence E. 11 1/2 N. by land of said Ingersoll to the River and  
all the land lying between the line above described and run is taken  
and established as a public highway and after establishing the same  
we heard all persons & corporations who chose to be heard on the  
subject of damages and assessed & allowed damages as follows to wit  
To Stephen Harrison the sum of Twenty five Dollars for his land  
taken for said road - no other person was injured by said location  
said road is to be widened and made to the acceptance of the County  
Commissioners on or before the first day of May next all which  
is submitted

James W. Crooks & Seal } County  
Cyrus Knapp - & Seal } Com.  
Gideon Stiles & Seal }

Which report being read & considered is accepted & the way established  
as a public highway

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden Road Altered  
Respectfully represent your petitioners that public convenience and in Westspringfield?  
necessity require that an alteration should be made in the westerly near the  
line of the road leading from the top of the hill a little South of the Meetinghouse  
Meetinghouse in the first Parish in Westspringfield beginning at of the first  
the Northeast corner of Charles Robbins land and running a direct Parish  
line to the Southeast corner of said Robbins lot - They therefore  
pray that said alteration may be made as soon as the law will permit  
Westspringfield June 9<sup>th</sup> 1837 Zadock Baswell & Co others  
The for said petition was entered at the Meeting of the County Commissioners  
held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June last past at which  
meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of  
J. S. Fairfield in Westspringfield on Tuesday the twenty sixth day of  
September next at Nine O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of pro-  
- ceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing  
thereof all persons & Corporations interested therein and if the same shall  
be adjudged to be of Common convenience & necessity to proceed to locate  
the road proposed and after locating to hear <sup>at the place of meeting</sup> all persons & Corporations



interested upon the subject of damages. Also ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Republican Journal a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks Chairman  
and this petition was continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County pursuant to the aforesaid order make his return as follows: "Hampden Co. Aug. 23. 1837 I served the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of Notice thereon by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

E. Rice Sheriff

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their report as follows: "Hampden Co. Sept. 26. 1837 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also having caused a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of notice stating the time place and purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Republican Journal a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the said time of meeting in conformity with said order of notice met at the time & place therein mentioned & proceeded to view the road in said petition described and having viewed the same and heard all persons & corporations interested upon the subject matter of said petition said Commissioners adjudged that in their opinion Common Convenience & necessity require that an alteration should be made in said road between the Southeast corner of Charles Robbins land and the brow of Meeting-house hill so called and so report accordingly of all which said Commissioners then & there gave notice to all present and no objection being made by any person or corporation to such alteration said Commissioners proceeded then & there lay out and establish said alteration and did so lay out & establish the same as a public highway as follows - to wit  
Begin at the Southeast corner of Charles Robbins land and run thence northerly to a large button ball tree marked thence on nearly the same course to a chestnut tree marked on the side hill thence on the same course to two yellow oak staddles marked thence



same course to said Stebbins north line on the top of the hill by the  
fence and all the land lying between the line run and the present  
travelled road we have taken for & established the same as a public  
highway and we have assessed & allowed damages for land so taken  
to Charles Stebbins the sum of Twenty seven Dollars no other person  
or corporation being injured thereby said road is to be made in a  
commonlike manner and to the acceptance of said Commissioners  
on or before the first day of December next at all which is submitted

James M. Crocker Sec<sup>y</sup> of County  
Cyrus Knapp & Seal } Comm<sup>rs</sup>?  
Gideon Hiles & Seal }

which report being read & considered is accepted and the road  
established as public road

To the Honorable the Board of County Commissioners of the County of  
Hampden—

The Western Rail Road Corporation respectfully represent that  
their Rail Road as located within the Town of Palmer in said County to view roads  
passes upon and across the New County road leading from Edgewick<sup>s</sup> in Palmer  
Tavern to Warren in a manner inconvenient & dangerous to the Milbraham &  
public travel and the course of the said County road may be Brimfield &  
altered without injury thereto in sundry places as follows, viz: Monson  
By beginning a little westerly of John Gorton's and turning the road  
entirely north of the Rail Road so as to run near the lots upon land  
of Benjamin & Hiram Converse and to continue the said road  
in its course westerly so as to pass it south of its present route and  
near adjoining the northerly side of the rail road upon lands of said  
Benjamin & Hiram and lands of Olin Cooley, Merrick Cooley  
lands owned by the petitioners late the property of Rufus Bugbee and  
of Merrick Cooley and to cross the rail road at grade near the house  
occupied by said Bugbee and from thence to carry the same northerly  
of the present path and uniting therewith near the house of Alvaro  
G. Blanchard & passing upon land of William Upham and your petitioners  
think proper to alter the same accordingly in whole or in part - and  
also to extend the new road leading from said County road towards  
Brimfield so as to unite with the same as thus altered over land of  
said Converse's; and also the road passing over the bridge at Bugbee's  
Mills so as to unite with said County road as altered - That  
their said rail road as located in the westerly part of Brimfield  
in said County and south of the house of Samuel Shaw passes  
lengthwise upon the same County road and crosses the same  
in a manner inconvenient and dangerous to the public travel  
and the same may without injury thereto be turned more  
easterly upon land of said Shaw and so as to cross the said  
rail road at grade - and the petitioners think proper to alter  
the same accordingly also that the same road northerly of the house  
of said Shaw in Brimfield is crossed lengthwise by said rail road so  
as to obstruct the same and the petitioners think proper to alter the same  
by making it more westerly upon land of Hiram Powers of said  
Brimfield - That the highway in Monson in said County

Western Rail  
Road Pet<sup>r</sup>

for County Com<sup>rs</sup>

in Palmer

Milbraham &

Brimfield &

Monson



leading from the Stage road a little westerly of the Bridge near Sedgewicks towards Manson crosses this rail road so as to require an expensive bridge that the same is but little used and may without essential injury be turned more easterly upon land of John Sedgwick or Manson C. Merriam so as to pass over the rail road at Grade - And the petitioners think proper to alter the same accordingly - Also that the highway in <sup>said</sup> Manson leading from said Stage road near the old Sherris house so called towards Manson crosses this rail road so as to require an expensive bridge that the same is but little used and may without essential injury be turned more easterly upon land of Jonathan Webber of Ware in the County of Hampshire so as to pass over the rail road at the same grade and the petitioners think proper to alter the same accordingly - Also that the highway in said Manson leading from said Stage road easterly of the house of Marcus M. Sherris southerly towards Manson crosses this rail road so as to require ~~an~~ expensive bridge that the same is but little used and may without essential injury be turned more westerly upon land of Elijah Wells and land of the State of Connecticut now in possession of Asa Cathkins so as to pass over the rail road at the same grade - And the petitioners think proper to alter the same accordingly - Also ~~so~~ that this rail road as located within the Town of Wilbraham in said County crosses in two places and passes lengthwise upon the highway leading from Springfield to Boston at & west of the North end of Honey Hill and the same interfere in a manner inconvenient and dangerous to the public travel that the said highway may without essential injury thereto be altered either by turning the same more northerly upon land of the Springfield Manufacturing Company one <sup>Webber</sup> and Rufus Jones of said Wilbraham so that the same shall in each case pass the rail road more directly at right angles thereto or by turning the same entirely South of said rail road upon land of said Company and land of Nathan Stevens of said Wilbraham and avoid any crossing of the rail road in that place and the petitioners think proper to alter same accordingly in such manner as will best subserve the public interest - And our petitioners therefore pray the Commissioners after due notice to view the said several premises and direct the manner in which the said several alterations shall be made and have such other proceedings in the premises as the law requires -

The Western Rail Road Corporation - By George Bliss Agent  
June 1837 -

Hampden Co. August 15<sup>th</sup> 1837 The County Commissioners of said County having given reasonable notice to the Selectmen of Brimfield and Samuel Shaw & Simon Powers named in the foregoing petition by serving the said Selectmen and the said Shaw with abstracts of such part of said petition as concerned the Town of Brimfield and said Shaw and by due notice to said Powers to his acceptance copies of which abstracts are hereto annexed met all the said parties and George Bliss Agent of the Western Rail Road Company at the house on the Thorod Farm in



Said Birmfield on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1837 at five O'clock in the afternoon and proceeded to view the roads in said Birmfield proposed to be altered by the said petitioners and having heard all the said parties on the premises respecting the same then there were of opinion that the said Alterations of the County road will not essentially injure the same and they were accepted and approved running as follows (vid) The first alteration southerly of the house of said Shaw, beginning at a stake and stones in the East line of the present road about 55 rods southerly of the house of Samuel Shaw and about 20 feet North of Mill brook & running thence over land of said Shaw N. 19° 15' E. 19 rods 4 links to a stake & stones 25 Eastwardly of the East line of the County road then over land of said Shaw N. 20° E. 19 rods to a stake & stones 45 feet Eastwardly of said County road, then over land of said Shaw N. 16° 30' E. 12 rods 7/8 links to a stake & stones 55 feet Easterly of said County road then over land of said Shaw N. 3° 30' W. 7 rods & one link to a stake & stones at the line of the Old Boston road then the same course over said Boston road four rods 4 1/2 links to a stake & stones at the North side of said Boston road then the same course over land of said Shaw 7 rods 23 links to a stake & stones in the East line of said County road the road on said alteration to be three rods wide and on the westerly side of said line - The said Samuel Shaw being present waived all claim to damages he having been paid therefor by said Corporation The second alteration being Northerly of foregoing is described as follows (vid) Beginning at a stake & stones on the East line of said County road a few rods Northerly of the house of the late Stephen Powers deceased & running thence over said County road N. 7° 15' W. 35 rods 19 links to a stake & stones in the East line of said County road the said alteration being on the westerly side of said line and passing the road partly over land of said Hiram Powers and we have awarded to said Powers as damages the sum of Twenty Dollars to be paid by said Corporation provided both of said alterations shall be worked at the expense of said Corporation the road bed to be eighteen feet wide exclusive of the ditches to be worked otherwise as well as the old road with no grades exceeding three degrees and with a sufficient stone culvert at the brook on the last alteration - And the said Commissioners having also given seasonable notice to the selectmen of Palmer & to Benjamin Converse Hiram Converse, Pliny Cooley and Meriah Cooley named in said petition by serving each of them with an abstract of such part of said petition as concerns them copies of which are hereto annexed and having also given due notice to John Fonton who appeared before us met all the said parties & George Bliss agent of said Corporation at Bugbees Mills so called in said Palmer on this same 15<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1837 at ten O'clock in the forenoon and proceeded with the said parties to view the said several alterations prayed for in said petition as lying in said Town of Palmer - And having heard said parties respecting the same - we accepted & approved of the alterations hereafter described and are of opinion that the same will not essentially injure said old ways (vid) One alteration of the way from Sedgewick to Warren



a little westward of John Tentons house Beginning on the North side  
of the present road on land of Benjamin & Hiram Converse at a stake  
and running thence S.  $81^{\circ}15' E.$  on said Converse 39 rods & four  
feet thence N.  $87^{\circ} E.$  39 rods & 19 feet thence N.  $81^{\circ}30' E.$  14 rods & 16 feet to a  
stake on John Tentons land at the North side of the Old road  
the road to be three rods wide on the South side of said line  
to be well worked at the expense of said Corporation and in  
every respect equal to the construction of the corresponding part of the  
old road and we have appraised the damages of said Benjamin &  
Hiram Converse at seventy five dollars and of said John Tenton  
at twenty five dollars to be paid by said Corporation —  
Also an alteration of the road leading from Brimfield to the said  
last mentioned County road by continuing the same across the old  
road and the rail road to its intersection with the new alteration above  
mentioned in the same course and of the same width as the other  
and adjoining part of said Brimfield road the continued part to be  
worked by said Corporation in the same way — Also one other  
alteration of the County road leading from Sudgewick to Warren  
against Bugbee's Mills so called and described as follows — (vid.)  
Beginning westward of the Bugbee house on the North side of the  
present road at a point bearing North  $34^{\circ}$  110 feet distant from  
the Southeast of Blanchards large Ryther shop and on land of said  
Corporation and running thence N.  $68^{\circ}15' E.$  13 rods & 5 feet thence  
N.  $70^{\circ}45' E.$  1 1/2 rods thence S.  $70^{\circ}15' E.$  12 rods & two feet thence S.  
 $76^{\circ}30' E.$  22 rods & 6 feet to a stake on the North side of the Old road  
on land of Merrick Cooley said road to be three rods wide  
on the South side of said line and passing over land of said  
corporation who claimed no damages and Merrick Cooley to whom  
we awarded five dollars in damages — said alteration to be  
worked by said Corporation in all respects equal to the old road  
with no grade less than four degrees to be well rounded to carry off  
the water and a good ditch on the Upper or North side and  
necessary stone Culverts for draining the same —  
Also one other alteration in the road from Manson across the bridge  
at Bugbee's Mill to the said last mentioned road as follows (vid.)  
Beginning at a stake bearing North  $77^{\circ}30' E.$  15.7 feet from the face  
of the Northeast corner of the abutment of the bridge and running  
thence North  $22^{\circ}30' W.$  20 feet thence North  $30^{\circ} W.$  22 1/2 feet to its  
intersection with the alterations last before mentioned passing over  
the Old road and land of said Corporation who waived any claim  
of damages the road to be three rods wide on the west side of  
said line and to be worked with a uniform grade from a point  
12 feet Northward of the bridge to the intersection with the last  
described alterations — and as to that part of the alterations of the  
road from Sudgewick to Warren prayed in said petition which  
proposed to locate a part thereof Southward of the present road  
on lands of Olney & Merrick Cooley the said Commissioners  
are of opinion that the said alterations would operate to injure  
said road — Also the said Commissioners having given  
due notice to the Selectmen of Mansions and to John Sudgewick &



Alanson C. Merrick named in said petition by serving them each with an abstract of such part thereof as concerns the alterations next herein described copies of which ~~abstracts~~ are hereto annexed met the said Sedgwick & Merrick & George Bliss agent of said Corporation (the said Selectmen not appearing) at the house of said Sedgwick in Palmer on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1837 at five O'clock in the afternoon and proceeded to view the alteration proposed for in the road from the Stage road westerly of the bridge near said Sedgwick towards Manson and having heard the said Sedgwick and said Merrick & Bliss in the premises we accepted & approved said alteration and are of opinion that the same will not essentially injure said highway the same being described as follows (viz) Beginning at a stake on the southerly side of the Stage road on land of said Sedgwick and at a point bearing South  $01^{\circ}15'$  West 245 feet from the Southeast corner of the Southwest abutment of the bridge & running thence South  $4^{\circ}$  East 360 feet to a stake on the Easterly side of the present road to Manson the whole over land of said Sedgwick the road to be three rods on the westerly side of said line and to be worked and made in all respects as good as the Old road — and we have awarded to said John Sedgwick as damages the sum of thirty five Dollars and to the said Alanson C. Merrick no damages provided the said Corporation make & secure to him the use of a convenient cart path from said road as altered to his lands lying south of the said road — The County Commissioners having also given due notice to the Selectmen of Manson and to Jonathan Webber and Porter Shearer named in said petition by serving each of them with an abstract of such part of said petition as relates to the alteration next herein described copies of which are hereto annexed met at the house of John Sedgwick in Palmer on the same 14<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1837 at 5 O'clock in the afternoon when & where the said Webber & George Bliss agent of said Corporation appeared and they proceeded to view the alteration proposed in the highway leading from said Stage road near the old Shearer house in Palmer towards Manson — and having heard the said Webber & Bliss in the premises we accepted and approved of the said alteration & are of opinion that the same will not essentially injure said highway the same being described as follows (viz) Beginning at a stake on the southerly side of the Turnpike upon land of said Webber at a point South  $03^{\circ}30'$  East 143<sup>feet</sup> from the Southeast corner of the old Shearer house and running S.  $7^{\circ}$  W. 21 rods 15<sup>feet</sup> thence S.  $46^{\circ}$  W. 10 rods 13<sup>feet</sup> thence S.  $60^{\circ}$  W. 14 rods 9<sup>feet</sup> to a stake on the East side of the old road the said alteration to be two rods wide on the westerly side of said line and wholly on land of said Webber and the same to be worked by said Corporation as well as the corresponding parts of the old road and we have awarded to said Jonathan Webber as damages the sum of twelve dollars and to said Porter Shearer for removing the road from a part of his premises the sum of three dollars — The said Commissioners having also given due notice to the Selectmen of



Manson and to Elijah Hills and to Asa Colkins for himself and as agent  
 of the State of Connecticut by serving each of them with an abstract of such  
 part of said petition as relates to the alteration herein next described copies  
 of which are hereto annexed and at the house of Asa Colkins of said  
 Manson on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 1837 at three O'clock in the after-  
 noon then and there the said Colkins & Hills & George Bliss agent of S.  
 Corporation appeared and we proceeded to view the said proposed  
 alteration leading from the Turnpike East of the house of said Colkins  
 Southwesterly and having heard the said Hills Colkins & Bliss respecting  
 the same we accepted & approved of said alteration and are of opinion  
 that the same will not essentially injure said highway the same  
 being described as follows (viz) Beginning at a stake on the westerly  
 side of the old road and on land of said Hills near the foot of the hill  
 and running thence S. 23° 15' W. 14 rods & ten feet thence S. 30° 15' E. 10 rods  
 4 1/2 feet thence S. 5° 45' East 30 rods & fifteen feet to a stake on the west side  
 of the old road near the top of the hill the said alteration to be two  
 rods wide on the westerly side of said line and the same is over  
 land of said Hills and the State of Connecticut and the same is to be  
 worked in all respects as well as the corresponding parts of the old  
 road by said Corporation and we have awarded in damages to  
 said Hills the sum of Eight Dollars and to said State of Connecticut  
 the sum of One Hundred Dollars. Also the said Commissioners  
 having given due notice to the Selectmen of Wilbroham and to  
 Nathan Stevens, Rufus Jones, Isaac Barker and Abel Bliss and the  
 Springfield Manufacturing Company named in said petition by  
 serving each of them with an abstract of such part of said petition  
 as relates to the alteration herein next described copies of which are  
 hereto annexed met the said several parties and George Bliss  
 agent of said Corporation and proceeded with them to view the  
 alteration proposed in the highway leading from the house of  
 said Stevens by Honey hill to Palmer and having heard the said  
 parties respecting the same they adjourned to meet at the same  
 place on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of the same August at two O'clock in the after-  
 noon at which time & place they again met & viewed said premises  
 and heard such of said parties as appeared & desired to be heard  
 and they then and there accepted & approved of the said alteration and  
 are of opinion that the same will not essentially injure ~~the~~ said  
 highway and the same is described as follows (viz) - Beginning  
 in the middle of the old road at a point bearing S. 56° 35' W. 4 rods 13  
 feet from a blazed apple tree easterly of the point of Honey hill and  
 running thence S. 54° W. 36 rods six feet to the tail road station  
 N. 34°. Then N. 54° W. 2 rods 4 feet then N. 60° 15' W. 3 rods 13 1/2 feet  
 then N. 76° W. 3 rods 15 1/2 feet then N. 86° W. 21 rods 4 1/2 feet then N.  
 87° 15' W. 12 rods 8 1/2 feet then N. 80° 30' W. 25 rods 5 1/2 feet then N.  
 89° 15' W. 29 rods 2 feet then S. 86° 30' W. 5 rods 12 1/2 feet then S. 84°  
 W. 11 rods 3 1/2 feet to the center of the old road at a point bearing  
 S. 23° W. one rod 12 1/2 feet from a white ash blazed said line  
 being run in the center of said alteration and the road to be  
 four rods wide (viz) two rods on each side of said line and the  
 same opening partly over the old road and partly over land of



The Springfield Manufacturing Company Nathan Stevens & Rufus Jones  
all of whom waived claims to damages they being paid for by said Cor-  
poration and we assessed <sup>no</sup> damages to them, the said alteration to be  
worked as wide and as well in every respect as the corresponding parts  
of the old road. Cyrus Knox one of the Standing County Commissioners  
being a stockholder in said Western Rail Road Corporation did not  
meet or act upon the subject matter of said petition and Lucius  
Wright one of the Special Commissioners was duly summoned and acted  
thereon - All which is submitted

James W. Crooks & Sec<sup>y</sup> County  
Gideon Stiles & Sec<sup>y</sup> Town  
Lucius Wright & Sec<sup>y</sup> Special Com<sup>rs</sup>

To the Selectmen of Brimfield in the County of Hampden  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their  
petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth  
that they have located their rail Road in the town of Brimfield  
in said County so that the same is crossed by a public way leading  
from the house of Isaac King in Palmer past the house of Samuel  
Shaw of said Brimfield to Warren being the new County road and  
that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same they think  
proper to alter the course of said way as follows (viz) to turn the same  
more easterly South of Samuel Shaw's house and so as to cross the Rail  
Road at the same grade near said Shaw so that the same as altered  
will pass <sup>over</sup> lands of said Shaw and have requested the Commissioners  
to view the premises and direct the manner in which said way shall  
be altered - You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will  
meet for that purpose at the house on the Shaw & Forre farm in said  
Brimfield on the fifteenth day of August next at five o'clock  
P. M. when and where you may be present if you see cause and  
be heard upon the subject - Per order

Springfield July 20. A. D. 1837

James W. Crooks Chairman

I certify that I have made service of the within notice by  
giving to David Parker one of the Selectmen of Brimfield an  
attested copy of this instrument R. D. Morris

To Samuel Shaw of Brimfield in the County of Hampden  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented  
their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting  
forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of  
Brimfield in said County so that the same is crossed by a  
public way leading from the house of Isaac King in Palmer  
past the house of Samuel Shaw in said Brimfield to Warren  
being the new county road and that for the purpose of facilitating  
the crossing of the same they think proper to alter the course of  
said way as follows (viz) to turn the same more easterly South  
of Samuel Shaw's house and so as to cross the Rail Road at the  
same grade near said Shaw so that the same as altered will  
pass over lands of said Shaw and have requested the Commissioners  
to view the premises and direct the manner in which said way shall  
be altered - You are hereby notified that the Commissioners  
will meet for that purpose at the house on the Shaw & Forre farm



in said Brimfield on the fifteenth day of August next at five O'clock P. M. when & where you may be present if you see cause and be heard upon the subject - Per Order

Springfield July 20<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1837 - James W. Crooks Chairman  
I certify that I have made service of this notice by giving to the within named Samuel Shaw an attested copy of this instrument August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1837

R. D. Morris

To the Selectmen of Palmer in the County of Hampshire  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Palmer in said County so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from the house of Silsbury Chapin to John Tontons in said Palmer and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing the same they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows viz a little westerly of said Tontons to turn the same Northwesterly so as to pass there entirely north of the said road and near Thursts and thence more southerly so as to pass adjoining north on the rail road and thence to continue the same north of the Rail Road and cross the same at grade near the house lately occupied by Rufus Bagbee thence northwesterly of the present path entering the same near the house of Maria V. Blanchard so that the same as altered will pass over lands of Benjamin & Hieron Converse, Pliny Cooley Merriam Cooley and the said Corporation all of said Palmer and to continue the roads to Brimfield & Mansan & join the same as altered - and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered - You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Bagbee's Mills in said Palmer on the fifteenth day of August next at ten O'clock A. M. when & where you may be present if you see cause and be heard upon the subject - Per Order

Springfield July 20<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1837 - James W. Crooks Chairman  
I have made service of this instrument by giving to Marble Th. Ferrill one of the Selectmen of Palmer an attested copy of this instrument Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> 1837 R. D. Morris -

To Benjamin Converse Hieron Converse, Pliny Cooley, Merriam Cooley all of Palmer in the County of Hampshire -

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Palmer in said County so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from the house of Silsbury Chapin to John Tontons in said Palmer and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing the same they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows viz a little westerly of said Tontons to turn the same Northwesterly so as to pass there entirely north of the rail road & near Thursts and thence more southerly so as to pass adjoining north on the rail road and thence to continue the same north of the rail road and pass the same at grade near the house lately occupied by Rufus Bagbee and thence northwesterly of the present path



entering the same near the house of Monroe K. Blanchard so that the same as altered will pass over lands of Benjamin & Hiram Converse Pliny Cooley, Merrick Cooley and the said Corporation all of said Palmer and to continue the roads to Brimfield & Manson to join the same as altered and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered - You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Bugbee's Mills in said Palmer on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August next at Ten O'clock A. M. when and where you may be present if you see cause and be heard upon the subject - Per Order

Springfield July 20<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1837

James M. Crooks Chairman

I certify that I have notified the within named Benjamin Hiram Merrick & Pliny by leaving attested copy of this instrument at the dwelling house of each - Aug. 3. 1837 P. D. Morris

To the Selectmen of Manson in the County of Hampshire - Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Manson in said County so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from the Boston road near the Bridge by Sedgewicks Tavern Southwesterly past the house of Widow Taylor towards Manson and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows (viz) to carry the same a little eastward near the North part thereof so as to pass the rail road at grade so that the same as altered will pass over lands of John Sedgewicks of Palmer in said County and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered - You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Sedgewicks' Tavern in Palmer on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August next at 5 O'clock P. M. when & where you may be present if you see cause and be heard upon the subject - Per Order

Springfield July 20<sup>th</sup> 1837

James M. Crooks Chairman

I certify that I have notified Abiel Deane one of the Selectmen of Manson by giving him an attested copy of this instrument August 3. 1837 P. D. Morris

To John Sedgewick & Alanson C. Merrick of Palmer in the County of Hampshire - Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that <sup>they</sup> have located their Rail Road in the Town of Manson in said County so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from the Boston road near the bridge by Sedgewicks Tavern Southwesterly past the house of Widow Taylor towards Manson and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows (viz) to carry the same a little more eastward near the North part thereof so as to pass the rail road at the same grade so that the same as altered will pass over lands of John Sedgewick and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises



and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered—  
You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for the  
purpose of said Sedgewicks on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August next at five O'Clock  
P.M. when & where you may be present if you see cause  
and be heard upon the subject— Pet Order

Springfield July 20<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1837 James W. Crooks Chairman  
I certify that I have notified the within named Sedgewicks and  
Merriam by giving to said Sedgewicks an Attested copy of this  
instrument and leaving an Attested copy of this instrument  
at the dwelling house of said Merriam— August 5. 1837

R. D. Morris

To the Selectmen of Monson in the County of Hampshire  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their  
petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth  
that they <sup>have</sup> located their Rail Road in the Town of Monson in  
said County so that the same is crossed by a public way leading  
from the Boston Turnpike road near the Old Shearer house so called  
Southly towards Monson and that for the purpose of facilitating  
the crossing of the same they think proper to alter the Course of  
said way as follows (viz) to carry the same more easterly at the  
North end thereof so as to pass the Rail Road at the same grade  
or nearly so— so that the same as altered will pass over lands of  
Jonathan Nobber of Ware in the County of Hampshire and  
have requested the Commissioners to view the premises and  
direct the manner in which said way shall be altered—  
You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet  
for that purpose at Sedgewicks Tavern in Palmer on the  
fourteenth day of August next at 5 O'Clock P.M. when and  
where you may be present if you see cause and be heard  
upon the subject— Pet Order

Springfield July 20<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1837 James W. Crooks Chairman  
I certify that I have notified Abia O'Dean one of the Selectmen of  
Monson by giving him a copy of this instrument attested  
R. D. Morris

To Jonathan Nobber of Ware in the County of Hampshire and  
Porter Shearer of Palmer in the County of Hampshire—  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented  
their petition <sup>to the County Commissioners of said County</sup> setting forth that they have located their railroad  
in the Town of Monson in said County so that the same is  
crossed by a public way leading from the Old Shearer house  
so called on the Boston Turnpike road Southly towards  
Monson and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of  
the same they think proper to alter the course of said way as  
follows (viz) to carry the same more easterly at the North end  
thereof so as to pass the rail Road at the same grade or nearly so  
so that the same as altered will pass over ~~the~~ <sup>said</sup> lands of ~~Jonathan Nobber~~  
~~and Shearer~~ and have requested the Commissioners to view the  
premises and direct the manner in which said way shall be  
altered— You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will  
meet for that purpose at Sedgewicks Tavern in Palmer on the 14<sup>th</sup>



day of August next at 5 O'clock P.M. when & where you may be present  
if you see cause and be heard upon the subject - Per Order  
Springfield July 20<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1837 James W. Crocker Chairman

I certify that on the first day of August 1837 I notified the within  
named Shores by leaving at his dwellinghouse an attested copy of  
this instrument and on the third day of August 1837 I notified the  
within named Hobbs by leaving at his dwellinghouse a copy of  
this instrument Attested R.D. Morris

To the Selectmen of Manson in the County of Hampden -  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their  
petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth  
that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Manson  
in said County so that the same is crossed by a public way leading  
from the Turnpike east of the house of Asa Colkins southerly and  
that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same they think  
proper to alter the course of said way as follows (vidr) to carry the  
same more westerly by the house occupied by  
so as to pass the rail road at the same grade so that the same as altered  
will pass over lands of the State of Connecticut occupied by Asa  
Colkins and land of Elijah Hills of Palmer in said County  
and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises and  
direct the manner in which said way shall be altered -

You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet  
for that purpose at the house of said Colkins on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
August next at 3 O'clock P.M. when & where you may be  
present if you see cause and be heard upon the subject

Per Order

Springfield July 20<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1837 James W. Crocker Chairman  
I certify that I have notified Abiel Dean one of the Selectmen  
of Manson by giving him an attested copy of this instrument  
Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1837 R.D. Morris

To Elijah Hills & Asa Colkins of Manson in the County of Hampden  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their  
petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth  
that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Manson  
in said County so that the same is crossed by a public way leading  
from the Turnpike east of the house of said Colkins southerly  
and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same  
they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows (vidr)  
to carry the same more westerly by the house occupied by

so as to pass the rail road at the same grade so that the  
same as altered will pass over lands of said Hills and the  
Connecticut land occupied by said Colkins and have requested  
the Commissioners to view the premises and direct the manner in  
which said way shall be altered - You are hereby notified  
that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at the house of  
said Colkins on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August next at 3 O'clock P.M.  
when & where you may be present if you see cause and be heard  
upon the subject - Per Order

Springfield July 20<sup>th</sup> 1837

James W. Crocker Chairman



I certify that on the first day of August 1837 I notified the within named  
Colburn & Hills by giving each an attested copy of this instrument  
R. D. Morris

To the Selectmen of Wilbroham in the County of Hampden -  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their  
petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth  
that they have located their rail road in the Town of Wilbroham  
in said County so that the same is crossed by a public way  
leading from the house of Nathan Stevens in said Wilbroham by  
Stoney Hill to Palmer being the Boston Stage road - and that  
for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same they  
think proper to alter the said way as follows (viz) at and near  
the end of Stoney Hill so as to turn the same a little more  
northerly between eight mile gutter and said Stevens  
so that the same as altered will pass over lands of Abel Bliss  
Ira Barber, Rufus Jones - the Springfield Manufacturing  
Company and Nathan Stevens or some of them and have  
requested the Commissioners to view the premises and direct the  
manner in which said way shall be altered - You are hereby  
notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose  
at the house of said Stevens in said Wilbroham on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
August next at Nine O'Clock A.M. when and where you  
may be present if you see cause and be heard upon the subject  
Springfield July 20<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1837 Per Order

James W. Crooks Chairman  
I certify that I have notified John M. Gray one of the Selectmen  
of Wilbroham by giving him an attested copy of this instrument  
Aug. 1. 1837 R. D. Morris  
To Nathan Stevens Rufus Jones, Ira Barber & Abel Bliss of  
Wilbroham in the County of Hampden and the Springfield  
Manufacturing Company of Ludlow in said County -  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented  
their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting  
forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of  
Wilbroham in said County so that the same is crossed by a  
public way leading from the house of Nathan Stevens by Stoney  
Hill to Palmer being the Boston Stage road and that for the  
purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same they think proper  
to alter the course of said way as follows (viz) at and near the  
end of Stoney Hill so as to turn the same a little more northerly  
between eight mile gutter and said Stevens so that the same as  
altered will pass over lands of Abel Bliss, Ira Barber Rufus  
Jones the Springfield Manufacturing Company and Nathan  
Stevens or some of them and have requested the Commissioners  
to view the premises and direct the manner in which said way  
shall be altered - You are hereby notified that the Com-  
missioners will meet for that purpose at the house of said  
Stevens on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August next at Nine O'Clock A.M.  
when and where you may be present if you see cause and be heard upon the  
subject - Per Order - James W. Crooks Chairman  
Springfield July 20<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1837



I certify that on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 1837 I notified the Springfield  
Manufacturing Company by giving Benjamin Jones Esq. their  
agent an attested copy of the within instrument and on the same  
day I notified the within <sup>named</sup> Abel Bliss & Nathan Stevens by giving each  
an attested copy of this instrument and on the first day of August  
1837 I notified the within named Barker by giving him an  
attested copy of this instrument and on the same day I notified  
the within named Jones by leaving at his dwelling house an attested  
copy of this instrument — Richard T. Morris  
Which report being read & considered is accepted and the  
several alterations established as public ways —

To the Hon. Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire The Western  
The Petition of the Western Railroad Corporation respectfully represents R.R. Corp.  
That they have laid out & located their rail road upon & across the Pet. for App-  
land of Monroe N. Darvey of Palmer in the County of Hampshire in which amount of damages  
land is situated in the Town of Palmer in said County of Hampshire in Palmer  
and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as Wilbraham  
follows (vid) Easterly on land of Sylvester Perkins and near the station Brimfield  
Numbered 1003.45 and westerly on land of John Watson & near Springfield  
Station N<sup>o</sup> 1010.60. being a strip of land across the homestead of said  
Darvey five rods wide (vid) two & a half rods upon each side of the  
centre line of the road as located for a double track which centre  
line is about 5 1/2 feet south of the line of location stakes and the  
same is about 91 3/4 rods long on said line — Also upon and  
across land of John Fenton of said Palmer and lying in said  
Palmer bounded Southwesterly on land of Benjamin & Hisson  
Converse and Northerly on land of Oliver Ferre being a strip of  
land across the home farm of said Fenton five rods wide  
through (vid) 2 1/2 rods upon each side of said centre line except  
that from about Station N<sup>o</sup> 865 to about N<sup>o</sup> 866 the same gradually  
widens to about 5 1/2 rods and is about 5 1/2 rods wide & near 869 and  
thence gradually narrows to 5 rods at N<sup>o</sup> 870 and the same is about  
162 1/4 rods long on said centre line exclusive of one road over the  
same — Also upon & over land of Oliver Ferre of said Palmer  
situate in said Palmer one piece bounded Southwesterly on John  
Fenton and Northerly on land set to Widow Hannah Ferre for  
dower being a strip across the home farm of said Oliver and  
five rods wide at the southerly end and thence Northerly of  
the following widths (vid) gradually widening to Station 852  
where it is about 102 feet wide thence to the North line where it  
is about 103 1/2 feet wide — One other piece bounded Southwesterly  
on said dower lands & Northerly on Wilson Brainerd being a  
strip across the same farm five rods wide (vid) 2 1/2 rods on each  
side of said centre line — Also upon and across a lot of land  
in said Palmer lying between the two last tracts and set off to Hannah  
Ferre for her dower and the reversion of which belongs to Oliver  
Ferre and Heretrich Ferre of said Palmer, Samuel Ferre of Brimfield  
in said County, Jonathan Ferre of Carveronia in the State of New York  
and to the widow heirs of Noah Ferre late of Wilbraham in said



County dissonance (vid) to Rebecca Furre who has a life estate therein and to her minor children for whom she is Guardian of said Wilbroham and the same is at the Northeastly end and from thence to Station 048 five rods wide thence gradually widening to Station 049 where it is 6 rods wide thence to N. 950 where it is about 114 feet wide then to the Southly and where it is about 103 1/2 feet wide in equal distances on each side of said centre line - Also upon and over land of John Shaw of Palmer and Samuel Furre of Brimfield in common & undivided situated in Brimfield aforesaid and near the Chickering River bounded Southly upon the road stand of Isaac King and Northly on land of Samuel Shaw bring a strip of land on each side of the said centre line of the rail road and described as follows (vid) Beginning on the Easterly side of the rail road and on Samuel Shaws line at a point 2 3/4 rods from the centre line of the road as located for a double track and against station N. 778.50 and running thence <sup>Southly</sup> as follows (vid) 050 feet to a point 2 1/2 rods from said centre line then 200 feet to a point 3 1/4 rods from said centre line against Station 784. then 600 feet parallel to said centre line then 300 feet to a point 3 1/4 rods from said line - then 400 feet to a point 2 1/2 rods from said line then 794 feet parallel to said line to land of Isaac King against Station 004.94. then S. 05 W. on said King 5 rods then Northly as follows (vid) parallel to said line 794 feet then 400 feet to a point 3 1/4 rods from said line - then 300 feet to a point 3 1/4 rods from said line against station 790 then 600 feet parallel to said line then 200 feet to a point 2 1/2 rods from said line then about 045 feet to Samuel Shaws land at a point 2 3/4 rods from said centre line then S. 57° E. on Samuel Shaw 5 1/2 rods to the first point with the new County road over the Southly part of the same - Also upon and over four tracts of land of the Springfield Manufacturing Company (vid) one tract in Wilbroham in said County being part of the Russell farm and bounded Easterly by the Boston road and land of Abel Bliss or <sup>& westly</sup> by Nathan Stevens and adjoining Northly partly on said Boston road bring a strip across said farm about 212 1/2 rods long and five rods wide (vid) 2 1/2 rods upon each side of said centre line post subject to said Boston road and of the further width on the South side of 55 feet from said centre line against station 346 - 70 feet against station 347 - 75 feet against station 348 - 72 feet against station 349 - the side lines being straight from station to station - Also three tracts in said Springfield vid one tract bounded east on Ambrose Fuller and west on Austin & Eliza Dimmick bring about 65 1/3 rods long and five rods wide (vid) 2 1/2 rods on each side of said centre line one other tract bounded easterly on Roland Webster & westly on Harvey Butler bring about 24 3/4 rods long & five rods wide. with 2 1/2 rods on each side of said centre line - One other tract bounded east on said Butler & west on Silas Dimmick being 30 1/4 rods long & five rods wide (vid) 2 1/2 rods on each side of said line - That your petitioners have not been able to obtain said



lands by voluntary agreement with the owners thereof - They therefore  
praise the County Commissioners after due notice to view the premises  
and estimate the amount of damages if any sustained by the said  
several owners thereby according to law - Dated at Springfield this  
30<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1837 - The Western Rail Road Corporation

By George Bliss agent

Hampden Co August 15<sup>th</sup> 1837 The County Commissioners of said  
County having given reasonable notice to Alanzo N Dewey  
mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road  
Corporation by serving him with an abstract of such part thereof as  
concerns the said Dewey as appears by a copy of said Abstract on file &  
pereto annexed met the said Dewey & George Bliss agent of the petitioner  
at the house of said Dewey in Palmer in said County this fifteenth  
day of August A.D. 1837 at eight o'clock in the forenoon and  
proceeded to view the premises described in said petition as taken  
for the location of said rail road and having fully heard the said  
Dewey and the said Bliss in the premises and it being thereupon  
made to appear that Lucy King and Mary King of said Palmer have  
an interest for their lives or as long as either may live in an undivided  
half part of said land and that the said Dewey is owner of the reversion  
thereof and sole owner of a moiety of the premises we have appraised  
the damages occasioned by the location of said rail road to the  
interest of said Dewey therein at the sum of seven hundred thirty  
nine Dollars fifty cents said corporation to permit said Dewey to  
conduct & maintain his aqueduct by a lead pipe under said rail  
road and provided said corporation shall make & maintain  
a convenient crossing for teams at or near the present cart path  
near the house, either by a bridge or by providing a crossing at the  
grade of the road - And having also given reasonable notice  
to John Fenton named in said petition by serving him with  
an abstract of that part thereof which concerns him as appears by a  
copy of said Abstract on file & pereto annexed - we met the said  
Fenton and said Bliss at the house of said Fenton in Palmer  
on this fifteenth day of August A.D. 1837 at two o'clock in the  
afternoon and proceeded to view the premises of said Fenton  
described in said petition as taken for the location of said rail  
road and having fully heard the said Fenton and the said  
Bliss respecting the same we have appraised the damages occa-  
sioned thereon to said Fenton by the location of said Rail Road  
at the sum of Five Hundred & thirty Dollars provided the said  
corporation shall make & maintain & permit the said Fenton  
his heirs and assigns forever to use one crossing place for teams  
across said road at the grade thereof at the highest ground in the  
North pasture and near station N<sup>o</sup> 55 and another similar  
crossing place in the westerly pasture at or near station N<sup>o</sup> 87 1/2  
and having also given reasonable notice to Oliver Thorne named  
in said petition by serving him with an abstract of that part thereof  
which concerns the said Oliver as appears by a copy of said Abstract  
on file and pereto annexed - we met the said Oliver at the house  
of John Fenton in said Palmer on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1837



at two O'clock in the afternoon and proceeded to view the premises of said Oliver described in said petition as taken for the location of said Rail Road and having fully heard the said Oliver & the said Bliss respecting the same we have appraised the damages occasioned thereon to the said Oliver by the location of said rail road at the sum of three hundred & ten dollars including damages to his right of way across down lands of Hannah Ferre lying between the two tracts of land of said Oliver provided said corporation make & forever maintain and permit the said Oliver his heirs and assigns to use a crossing place for teams across said road at the grade thereof at or near Station N<sup>o</sup> 855 and in similar crossing at or near Station N<sup>o</sup> 830. — The said Commissioners having also given reasonable notice to Hannah Ferre, Oliver Ferre, Herachiah Ferre, Samuel Ferre, Rebecca Ferre & Jonathan Ferre named in said petition by serving each of them with an abstract of that part thereof which concerns them as appears by a copy of said Abstract on file and hereto annexed met them at the house of John Fenton in said Palmur on this same 15<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 1837 at two O. Clock in the afternoon and proceeded to view the premises of said Hannah & others described in said petition as taken for the location of said rail road and having fully heard the said several parties and also the said George Bliss respecting the same we have appraised the damages occasioned to the said Hannah & others by the location of said road as follows (viz) —

To the said Hannah for her life estate thirty dollars To said Oliver for one half of the reversion sixty two dollars & fifty cents to said Samuel fifteen dollars sixty two & a half cents — To said Herachiah fifteen dollars sixty two & a half cents — To said Jonathan fifteen dollars sixty two & a half cents to the children & heirs of Noah Ferre du fifteen dollars sixty two & a half cents — making in the whole the sum of one hundred & fifty five dollars — Provided said Corporation make & forever maintain and permit the said several parties their heirs & assigns to use a crossing place for teams at the grade of said road at or near Station N<sup>o</sup> 847. —

The said Commissioners having also given reasonable notice to John Shaw & Samuel Ferre named in said petition by serving each of them with an abstract of such part of said petition as concerns them as appears by a copy of said Abstract on file and hereto annexed met the said John & Samuel at the house on the farm owned by them in said Bainfield on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 1837 at five O'clock in the afternoon and proceeded to view the premises of said John & Samuel described in said petition as taken for the location of said rail road and having fully heard the said John & Samuel and the said George Bliss respecting the same we have appraised the damages occasioned thereon to the said John & Samuel by the location of said road at the sum of twelve hundred & twenty five Dollars (viz) — the one half thereof to the said John and the residue to said Samuel — Provided the said Corporation make & forever maintain and permit the said John & Samuel their heirs and



assigns to use a crossing place for teams at the grade of said road at or  
near Station N<sup>o</sup> 799.50 and a similar crossing at or near Station N<sup>o</sup> 700  
The said County Commissioners having also given reasonable  
notice to the Springfield Manufacturing Company named in said  
petition by serving Benjamin Janes their agent with an abstract  
of such part thereof as concerns them as appears by a copy thereof on  
file and he to attend met the said Janes and the said George  
Bliss at the house of Nathan Stevens in Stillbriars on the 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of August A. D. 1837 at Nine O'clock in the forenoon and the said  
Benjamin & George appearing there the said Commissioners  
with their consent adjourned their view & hearing of that part of  
said petition which concerns the said Company to the same place  
on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of the same August at two O'clock in the afternoon  
when & where the said Commissioners met the said parties and  
further adjourned the said hearing to the same place on the 17<sup>th</sup>  
day of the same August at Nine O'clock A. M. and then all there met  
the said parties and proceeded to view the premises of said Company  
described in said petition as taken for the location of said rail road  
and having fully heard the said Janes & the said George respecting  
the same we have appraised the damages occasioned to the said  
Springfield Manufacturing Company thereby the location  
of said Rail Road at the sum of seven hundred & six dollars  
provided the said Corporation make & forever maintain and  
permit said Company their assigns to use the following  
crossing places for teams at the grade of said road (viz) in the  
lot of said Company first named in said petition - one at  
the Easterly end and near the Old cart path one near Station  
N<sup>o</sup> 350.50 and one near the west end of the lot at or near  
Station 374 or westerly of it - in the lot secondly described  
in said petition one at or near Station N<sup>o</sup> 414 by the Old path  
In the lot thirdly therein described lying east of Butlers lot  
one in or near the old town road or cart path and in the lot  
west of Butlers one crossing at or near Station N<sup>o</sup> 460.50 and  
provided also that if a depot or stopping place is not established  
near Nathan Stevens or upon or near the lot of said Company  
east of said Stevens' the said Company may have a further  
claim for such additional damages as may accrue to them  
thereby and if a depot or stopping place is not established  
near the house of John Watson or on or near said Doves land  
said Doves may have a further claim for such additional  
damages as may accrue to him thereby -

Cyrus Throp one of the Standing County Commissioners being a stock-  
holder in said Western Rail Road Corporation did not act in the  
adjudications & proceedings upon the foregoing petition & Lucius  
Wright one of the Special Commissioners was duly summoned and  
acted thereon - all which is Submitted

James H. Crooks Secy of County  
Gideon Steles Secy of Com.  
Lucius Wright Secy of Special Com.



To Monroe N. Dewey of Palmer in the County of Hampden  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their  
petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth  
that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Palmer  
in said County upon & over lands owned by you being part of  
your home farm and bounded west on the highway and easterly  
on land of Sylvester Pothus being about ninety one rods thirteen  
feet long and five rods wide which lands are particularly  
described in said petition on file and further representing that  
they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary  
agreement and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises  
and estimate the amount of damages if any sustained by you  
thereby — You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will  
meet for that purpose at your house on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August next  
at 8 O'clock A.M. when & where you may be present if you see  
cause and be heard upon the subject

Springfield July 20<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1837 Per order James W. Crotchus Chairman  
I certify that I have notified the within named Dewey by  
leaving at his dwelling house an attested copy of this instrument  
August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1837 R. D. Morris

To John Fenton of Palmer in the County of Hampden  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented  
their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting  
forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of  
Palmer in said County upon & over lands owned by you  
being part of your home farm bounded southwesterly by land  
of Benjamin & Hiram Converse & northerly on land of Oliver  
Harris being about 162 rods long which lands are particularly  
described in said petition on file and further representing that  
they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary  
agreement and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises  
and estimate the amount of damages if any sustained by you thereby  
You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for  
that purpose at your house in said Palmer on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August  
next at two O'clock P.M. when & where you may be present  
if you see cause and be heard upon the subject — Per order  
Springfield July 20<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1837 James W. Crotchus Chairman  
I certify that I have notified the within named John Fenton by  
giving him an attested copy of this instrument August 1<sup>st</sup> 1837  
R. D. Morris

To Oliver Harris of Palmer in the County of Hampden  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented this  
petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth  
that they had located their Rail Road in the Town of Palmer in said  
County upon & over lands owned by you being part of your home  
farm one tract bounded south on John Fenton and north on  
lower lands of Hannah Harris being about thirty six rods long one  
tract bounded south on said Hannah and north on Wilson  
Brainard being about sixty seven & three fourths rods long which  
lands are particularly described in said petition on file and further



representing that they had not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement and requesting The Commissioners to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages if any sustained by you thereby - You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at John Gorton's in said Palmer on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August next at two O'clock P.M. when & where you may be present if you see cause and be heard upon the subject

Per order

Springfield July 20<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1837

James W. Crooks Chairman

I certify that I have notified the within named Ferris by giving him an attested copy of this instrument - Aug<sup>1</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1837

R. D. Morris

To Hannah Ferris, Oliver Ferris, Herophilus Ferris of Palmer and Samuel Ferris of Brimfield and Rebecca Ferris of Melbroham in her own right and as Guardian of her children all in the County of Hampden and Jonathan Ferris of Carver's via in the State of New York by said Oliver his Attorney -

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Palmer in said County upon & over lands owned by you and now occupied by said Hannah bounded South & North on land of said Oliver & about 35 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> rods long - which lands are particularly described in said petition as follows and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages if any sustained by you thereby You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at John Gorton's in said Palmer on the fifteenth day of August next at two O'clock P.M. when & where you may be present if you see cause and be heard upon the subject

Springfield July 20<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1837

Per order

James W. Crooks Chairman

I hereby certify that on the first day of August 1837 I notified the within named Hannah by leaving an attested copy of this instrument at her dwellinghouse and on the same day I notified the within named Oliver & Herophilus by giving to each an attested copy of this instrument and on the same day I notified the within named Jonathan by giving to Oliver Ferris his Attorney an attested copy of this instrument and on the third day of the same August I notified said Samuel by leaving at his dwellinghouse an attested copy of this instrument and on the same day I notified the within named Rebecca by leaving at her dwellinghouse a copy of this instrument

R. D. Morris

To John Shaw of Palmer and Samuel Ferris of Brimfield in the County of Hampden -

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their rail road in the Town of Brimfield in said County upon & over lands owned by you in the westerly part of the town near the Moose River bounded South by lands



of Isaac King and the highway and north by land of Samuel Shaw being about 102 1/2 rods long which lands are particularly described in said petition on file and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises & estimate the amount of damages if any sustained by you thereby - You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at your house on the premises on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August next at 5 O'clock P.M. when & where you may be present if you see cause and be heard upon the subject -

Springfield July 20<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1837 Per Order James W. Crooks Chairman  
I certify that on the first day of August 1837 I notified the within named Shaw by leaving at his dwelling house an attested copy of this instrument and on the third day of August I notified the within named Ferre by leaving at his dwelling house an attested copy of this instrument

R. D. Morris

To the Springfield Manufacturing Company of Sudlow in the County of Hampden  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Towns of Springfield & Wilbraham in said County upon & over lands owned by you (viz) three tracts in Springfield East of five mile pond one bounded west on Silas Dimmick & East on Harvey Butler being about 31 rods long & five rods wide - Also one tract bounded west on said Butler & east on Roland C. Webster about 30 rods long & five rods wide one tract bounded west on Austin and Elisha Dimmick and east on Ambrose Fuller about 65 1/2 rods long and 5 rods wide - Also one tract in said Wilbraham bounded west on Nathan Stevens and the Boston Road and east on said road Rufus Jones & Abel Bliss near Honey hill 212 1/2 rods long and partly 5 rods & partly <sup>about</sup> 7 rods wide and partly covered by said road which lands are particularly described in said petition on file and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages if any sustained by you thereby - You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at the house of Nathan Stevens in Wilbraham on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August next at nine O'clock A.M. when & where you may be present if you see cause and be heard upon the subject - Per Order

Springfield July 20<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1837 James W. Crooks Chairman  
I hereby certify that I have notified the Springfield Manufacturing Company by giving to Benjamin Jones agent of said Company a copy of this precept attested July 29<sup>th</sup> 1837

Richard D. Morris



Western R.  
6017  
R. Pet. for

To the Honorable the Board of County Commissioners of the County of  
Hampden - The petition of The Western Rail Road Corporation  
Respectfully represents that they have laid out & located this Rail Road Alignment  
upon & across the land of Nathan Stevens of Wilbroham in the County of  
Hampden which land is situated in the Town of Wilbroham in  
said County of Hampden and that part thereof taken for said rail  
road is described as follows viz West by the East line of the Town  
of Springfield which separates it from land of Ambrose Fuller near  
the station of said Rail road N. 399.50 and East by land of the  
Springfield Manufacturing Company and North by other land  
of said Stevens and South by his other lands and the Boston  
road being a strip of land five rods wide (viz) two & a half rods from  
the centre line of the road as located for a double track and about  
127 rods long on said centre line including two highways over  
the same - Also upon & across land of Horace Collins of said Wilbroham  
situated in said Wilbroham bounded West by land of William Supper and  
East by land of Erastus Glover with the Boston road passing over the  
same it being a strip of land about 236  $\frac{3}{4}$  rods long including said road  
and extending from near station 244.60 to near station 253.66 and being  
about 7 rods wide for about 27 rods of the East by and thereof and the  
residue 5 rods wide and on each side of the centre line - Also  
upon & across land of John Bliss of said Wilbroham situated in said  
Wilbroham and the part so taken is bounded West by land of  
Erastus Glover and East by land of Jesse P. Bliss or 12 mile brook  
and is about 113 rods long on said centre line including a road  
across the same and of the following widths on each side of said  
centre line as mentioned in the schedule hereto annexed  
Also upon & across land of Jesse P. Bliss of said Wilbroham situated  
in said Wilbroham and the part so taken is bounded West by land of  
John Bliss at station 192.00 and East by & North by Luther H.  
Hilborn with a road over the same and is in length exclusive  
of said road about 70  $\frac{1}{2}$  rods long and of the widths mentioned in the  
annexed schedule - Also upon & across land of Luther H. Hilborn  
of said Wilbroham situated in Wilbroham and the part so taken  
is bounded West by & South by land of Jesse P. Bliss and East by  
and South by land of Elisha Burr and is of the several widths  
mentioned in the schedule annexed hereto the lines between the  
several consecutive stations being in all cases straight on each side

Luther H. Hilborn			Jesse P. Bliss		
Station	Width left of Centre	Width Right of Centre	Station	Width left of Centre	Width Right of Centre
151	21 feet	41 $\frac{1}{4}$ feet	170	41 $\frac{1}{4}$ feet	22 feet
152	26 "	41 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	179	41 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	22 "
153	41 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	41 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	180	41 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	22 "
154	41 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	52 "	181	41 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	41 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
155	41 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	06 "	182	41 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	41 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
156	69 "	120 "	183	41 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	41 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
157	87 "	138 "	184	41 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	41 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
158	105 "	100 "	185	41 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	41 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
159	77 "	67 "	186	54 "	54 "
160	40 "	56 "	187	96 "	64 "

part of width  
taken in  
Hilborn



Luther H. Philborn

161	42 $\frac{1}{4}$	feet	42. $\frac{1}{4}$	feet
162	42 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	42 $\frac{1}{4}$	"
163	73	"	73	"
164	78	"	102	"
165	81	"	132	"
166	80	"	109	"
167	61	"	89	"
168	42	"	66	"
169	66	"	68	"
170	74	"	83	"
171	74	"	76	"
172	70	"	71	"
173	62	"	67	"
174	54	"	62	"
175	54	"	56	"
176	50	"	53	"
177	48	"	48	"
177 $\frac{3}{4}$	46	"	44	"

also a strip of land extending from 170  
to 100  $\times \frac{5}{10}$  to the road on the North side of  
J. P. Bliss lands 265 feet long  $\times$  21 foot wide  
Total 7 Acres 2 rods  $\times$  1  $\frac{3}{4}$  perches

J. P. Bliss

180	99	feet	73	feet
189	102	"	85	"
190	106	"	97	"
191	108	"	104	"
192	110	"	108	"
192 $\frac{2}{10}$	110	"	110	"
Containing 4 Acres 0 Rods 17 $\frac{1}{10}$ Perches				
John Bliss				
192. 2 $\frac{2}{10}$				
195	110	"	110	"
196	80	"	110	"
197	67	"	272	rods
198				
199				
200	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	rods	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	rods
200 $\frac{1}{2}$	66	feet	66	feet
201				
202	66	"	66	"
203				
204	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	rods	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	rods
205				
206	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
207				
208				
to				
211.50	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	"

That your Petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owners thereof - They therefore pray The County Commissioners after due notice to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages if any sustained by the several owners thereby according to law - Dated at Springfield this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1837

The Western Rail Road Corporation

By George Bliss agent -

Hampden Co. August 14<sup>th</sup> 1837 The County Commissioners of said County having given reasonable notice to Nathan Stevens mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation by serving him with an abstract thereof as appears by a copy of said abstract on file & hereto annexed met the said Stevens and the Petitioners by George Bliss their agent at the house of said Nathan this day at Nine O'clock in the forenoon and adjourned from time to time to the same place on the 17<sup>th</sup> of said August at 9 O'clock A.M. and then all were met the parties and proceeded to view the premises of said Nathan described in said petition as taken for the location of said Rail Road and having heard the said Nathan and the petitioners fully in the premises we have appraised the damages which the said Nathan will suffer by the location of the said Rail Road upon said lands at the sum of Three Hundred & seven Dollars provided the petitioners shall so construct that road



as to secure water from the pond opposite to the house of said Nathan upon each side of the road for the use of said Nathan and that if a depot or stopping place shall not be established in the vicinity of said lands the said Nathan may have a further claim for such additional damages as may accrue to him thereby - And having also given reasonable notice to Warren Collins named in the foregoing petition by serving him with an abstract of such part of said petition as concerns the said Collins as by the copy thereof on file and hereto annexed we met the Petitioners & said Collins at the house of Almond Lord in said Wilbroham on this same fourteenth day of August A. D. 1837 at twelve O'clock at noon and proceeded to view the premises of said Collins described in said petition as taken for the location of said rail road and having heard the said Collins and the petitioners by George Bliss their agent - And it being thereupon made to appear to us that Mchitable Collins of said Wilbroham has the following interest in a part of said lands, *vide* an estate for her life in all that part of said land which extends from the Turnpike Road to a point about eighty rods easterly of the west line of the former as specified in the Assignment of dower in said form to her on record in the Probate Office for said County - and that the said Warren is the owner of the reversion thereof after the death of said Mchitable and the sole owner of the residue thereof we have appraised the damages occasioned to the interest of said Warren in all of said lands at the sum of three hundred and thirty five dollars - It is ordered that the said Corporation shall construct & forever maintain and permit the said Collins his heirs and assigns to use a suitable crossing place for teams over said road at the grade thereof at or near station N<sup>o</sup> 234.75 and also a culvert suitable for cattle to pass under said road at or near station N<sup>o</sup> 230.50 - Also having given reasonable notice to John Bliss named in the foregoing petition by serving him with an abstract of such part of said petition as concerns the said John as by the copy thereof on file and hereto annexed - we met the petitioners and said John at the house of Almond Lord in said Wilbroham on this same fourteenth day of August A. D. 1837 at twelve O'clock at noon and proceeded to view the premises of said John described in said petition as taken for the location of said road and having heard the petitioners by George Bliss their agent and the said John fully concerning the same we have appraised the damages caused to the said John by the location of the said rail road upon his said land at the sum of one hundred and ten dollars - The said George Bliss agent as aforesaid having represented that the land of Jesse R. Bliss and Luther H. Shilbourn mentioned in said petition had been obtained by voluntary agreement since the filing of said petition at his request no further proceedings were had by us concerning the same Cyrus Shoop one of the Standing County Commissioners being a stockholder in said Rail Road Corporation did not act in the adjudication and proceedings upon the foregoing petition and Daniel Wright one of the Special Commissioners were duly summoned & attended thereon



All which is submitted

James W. Crooks & Seal of County  
Gideon Miles & Seal of County  
Lucius Wright & Seal Special Comm.

To Nathan Stevens of Wilbraham in the County of Hampden  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Wilbraham in said County upon & over lands owned by you being part of your home farm bounded Easterly on land of the Springfield Manufacturing Company and the Boston road and Westerly on the East line of the Town of Springfield or land of Ambrose Fuller being one hundred fifteen rods eleven feet long & five rods wide - which lands are particularly described in said petition on file and further representing that they have not been able to obtain <sup>said</sup> lands by voluntary agreement and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages if any sustained by you thereby - You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at your house in said Wilbraham on the fourteenth day of August next at nine o'clock A.M. when & where you may be present if you see cause and be heard upon the subject  
Springfield July 28<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1837 Per Order James W. Crooks Chairman  
I certify that I have notified the within named Nathan Stevens by giving him an attested copy of this instrument July 29<sup>th</sup> 1837

Richard D. Morris

To Warren Collins of Wilbraham in the County of Hampden  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners <sup>of said County</sup> setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Wilbraham in said County upon & over lands owned by you being part of your home farm bounded Easterly on land of Broctus Glover or the North end of Wilbraham mountain and westerly by lands of William Tupper and on each side of the Boston road being about 231 rods twelve feet long which lands are particularly described in said petition on file and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages if any sustained by you thereby - You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at the house of Almond Lord in said Wilbraham on the fourteenth day of August next at twelve o'clock A.M. when & where you may be present if you see cause and be heard upon the subject  
Springfield July 28<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1837 Per Order James W. Crooks Chairman  
I certify that I have notified the within named Warren Collins by giving him an attested copy of the within notification  
July 29<sup>th</sup> 1837 Richard D. Morris -

To John Bliss of Wilbraham in the County of Hampden  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of



Wilbroham in said County upon & over lands owned by you at  
the north end of Wilbroham mountain bounded easterly on  
land of Jesse P. Bliss at twelve mile brook and westerly on  
land of Erastus Glover being about 110 rods long - which lands are  
particularly described in said petition on file and further representing  
that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agree-  
ment and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises  
and estimate the amount of damages if any sustained by you thereby  
you are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that  
purpose at the house of Almond Lord in said Wilbroham on the  
14th day of August next at 12 O'clock M. - when & where you  
may be present, if you see cause and be heard upon the subject  
Springfield July 20<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1837 Per order James M. Crooks Chairman  
I certify that I have notified the within named John Bliss by  
giving him an attested copy of this instrument Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> 1837  
Richard D. Morris -

Which Report being read & considered is accepted -

Ordered by the County Commissioners that the County Treasurer Treasurer  
be authorized to borrow the sum of Four Hundred & fifty four authorized to  
dollars & seventy eight cents on the credit of the County and borrow money  
give his note for the same and to give one or more notes  
for this sum and the sum of Two Thousand Dollars authorized  
to be borrowed at April Term last -

The following Accounts against the County were allowed by the Account  
County Commissioners at the meeting and ordered to be paid out of the  
County Treasury - Charles Williston \$4.50 David Mosley \$4.00  
Thomas Fitch \$1.50 William S. Rowe \$2.00 Seth Parsons \$4.00  
Orilo W. Street \$1.00 Amasa Parsons \$26.75 Jeremy Mortimer \$45.00  
Caleb Rice \$27.02 Carlo Smith \$9.35 George Colton \$25.00 - Barnes  
Foot & Co. \$13.05 Hunt & Baker \$19.61 George M. Gullander \$7.73 James  
W. Hale \$19.03 Elisha Edwards \$14.62 John Ingersoll \$15.11  
Harvey Chapin \$3.00 William Child \$3.00 Orange Chapin \$4.50  
William A. Foster \$533.66

For particulars see the bills on file



## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December, being the twenty-sixth day of said Month in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven and from day to day to the 29<sup>th</sup> day of said December and by adjournment on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 1838. Also March 2<sup>d</sup> & April 9<sup>th</sup> 1838

By James M. Crooks, Esq. Chairman  
Gideon Stites, Esq.

Cyrus Knox, Esq.

Road To the Hon County Commissioners of the County of Hampden from Lower Ferry County, respectfully represent to your Honors that the road leading in Springfield from the Lower part of Springfield to the Northwestern part of the this Agawam State of Connecticut, where a great amount of travel must necessarily be passing, is very circuitous and indirect, and that it would be a great public benefit, in our opinion, if a new road was laid out commencing on the river road, leading from the Horse Boat Ferry in said town, to Suffield, on the north corner of Lewis Warriner's Isaac Converse land & running on said Warriner's land, south of his dwelling and others. House to land owned by the heirs of Eliphlet King, deceased, then to follow the brow of the hill, on the margin of the beach swamp, so called, through the said heirs & Reuben Woods land to Jesse Todd's land: then through the said Todd's Pleyous Leonard's land, in a direction discretionary, but so as to meet the road leading from Martin King's to Feeding Hills, then from said King, to follow the old road to Joseph Leonard's house: then partly in the old road & partly on land (the owners are unknown to your petitioners) as near a straight line as circumstances will permit, to near the house occupied by Reuben Bernis, so as to meet a contemplated road to Connecticut State line. We therefore pray, that the Honorable Commissioners would view said route and lay out a road the whole or such part of the distance as may be thought just and reasonable.

Signed Isaac Converse & 36 others.

West Springfield April 13. 1835.

The aforesaid Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty five and it was continued from meeting to meeting, until the meeting holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1836, at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Martin King in West Springfield on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested



upon the subject of damages. Also ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition & this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will ~~return~~ return herewith his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks, Chairman.

And this Petition was further continued until the meeting of the County Commissioners, to be holden on the Fourth Tuesday of December 1836. and the Sheriff of the County in pursuance of the foregoing order, makes his return as follows.

Hampden Sp. September 23<sup>d</sup> 1836. I served the Town Clerk of West Springfield with a true and attested copy of this petition, and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him and posting up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice Sheriff

At which meeting held as aforesaid the County Commissioners made their report as follows

Hampden Sp. October 24<sup>th</sup> 1836. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner as set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also having caused a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig, a newspaper printed and published in said County, the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the said time of meeting, in conformity with the said order of notice, met at the time and place in said order mentioned and proceeded to view the several roads & routes for roads prayed for in said petition. And having viewed the premises and heard all persons and corporations interested, who chose to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, the said Commissioners adjudged that in their opinion common convenience and necessity required that a new road should be laid a part of the way and alterations and repairs made in old roads, between the house of Reuben Bernis in Feeding Hills and the river road in Agawam, near the house of Lewis Warriner ~~in~~ and so report accordingly. All which is submitted

James W. Brooks & Seal } County  
Gideon Stiles & Seal } Commissioners.  
Cyrus Knox & Seal }

Which report being read & considered is accepted and the way adjudged of common convenience and necessity. And this



petition was further continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1837, at which meeting it was Ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the House of Martin King in West Springfield on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October next at 10 O'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of Damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig & Springfield Gazette Newspapers printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy serve the town clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition, and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks. Chairman

and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting, to this meeting, and ~~the~~ the Sheriff of the county in pursuance of the foregoing Order, makes his return as follows

Hampden Co. August 31. 1837. I served the town clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of the Petition of said and order of notice, by leaving the same at his dwelling house and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

Caleb Rice. Sheriff.

and now at this meeting the Commissioners make their report as follows.

Hampden Co. October 5. 1837. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also having caused an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof to be published in two newspapers printed in said County to wit, the Hampden Whig & Springfield Gazette three weeks successively, the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the time of meeting, met at the time and place in said abstract, and the foregoing order mentioned, & proceeded to lay out and establish a highway in manner following, to wit.

Beginning at a stake in the fence on Daniel Austin's land on the West side of the road, and running thence S. 78° W. 42 rods to a Chestnut stake on the brow of the Hill, Southwesterly of said Austin's House, then S. 80° W. 34 rods to a stake on the bank, a little west



of the gutter; then S. 79° W. 102 rods to a stake; then S. 80° W. 40 rods to a stake in the ditch by Jesse Todd's land; then S. 76° W. 41 rods to 4 maple trees on land of Cyrus Leonard near said Todd's woods; then S. 81° W. 59 rods 19 links to 4 Oak trees in line, together with a pine in line of the fence between said Leonard and Rev Mr Hazen's land; then S. 81° W. 80 rods to a post marked in line of fence between said Leonard and Hazen; then S. 73° W. 10 rods across the School ground, to a stake in the fence on Main Street. And we have accordingly laid out and established the same as a public Highway or Road. The line run is the northerly, or right hand side and the road is laid three rods wide. And after laying out and establishing said road and hearing all persons and corporations interested, who chose to be heard on the subject of damages, we allowed and assessed damages as follows, viz

To Daniel Austin,	One Hundred & forty two Dollars
" Thomas Kittland	Six Dollars
" Roger King	Seven Dollars
" Eliphlet King	Seven Dollars
" Harriet King	Seven Dollars
" Reuben Wood	Fifty Dollars
" Jesse Todd	Twenty Dollars
" Reuben S. Hazen	Forty Dollars
" Cyrus Leonard	Seventy six Dollars

no other person or Corporation was injured or entitled to damages, by reason of said location. In the construction of said road the following particulars are to be observed. The road is to be worked 20 feet wide, exclusive of good ditches, and all stones, roots & stumps are to be dug out and removed before the road is formed; the road is to be well raised and made sufficiently crowning for the water to pass directly into the ditches; all low and wet places are to be properly raised and hardened; All Knolls and hills are to be properly hauled down, Bridges, sluices and water courses of substantial materials are to be built wherever the safety and permanence of the road shall require. A dry bridge is to be built on Reuben Wood's land near Beach's Spring, so-called of suitable dimensions and materials for the passing of his cattle to water; - On side hills the road is to be worked as near the lower side as may be practicable; and in all other respects said road is to be made in a good, substantial workmanlike manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners of said County on or before the first day of October 1838.

Cyrus Leonard agrees to relinquish to the School District the small triangular piece of land bounding west on Main Street, North on the School ground and southerly on the road as located, and by reason of such agreement and relinquishment, as well as by reason of no claim for damages, we have allowed no damage to said School district. Until the first day of May next is allowed the owners of land to take off and remove all trees, wood, timber & other obstructions from said location.



All which is submitted

James W. Crooks & seal } County  
Gideon Stiles & seal } Commissioners  
Cyrus Knox & seal }

which Report being read & considered is accepted and the way established as a public high way

Abner Miller

Petition for

Road in

West Springfield

From Springfield

To Northampton

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

The undersigned inhabitants of the Town of West Springfield in said County respectfully represent, that the public good & convenience require that a new road should be laid some part of the way from Springfield to Northampton in some place where the travel will not be interrupted by high water, and where the distance may be considerably shortened. Your petitioners therefore pray the County Commissioners to view a route commencing at the County road leading from Springfield to Northampton some where between the new Congregational Meetinghouse & the house of John Street and running to Northampton line in the direction of the south end of Mount Tom, from thence running near the South end of Mount Tom and the house of Bela Blake in East Hampton, so as to intersect the road recently laid from Northampton through a part of East Hampton in the direction of the South end of Mount Tom. Your petitioners further pray that your Honors would cause such part of the above route as lies within the County of Hampshire to be laid out according to law.

(Signed) Abner Miller & 16 others.

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirty five, & it was continued from meeting to meeting until the meeting holden on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1837. at which meeting it was ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the house of Abner Miller in West Springfield on Monday the 22<sup>d</sup> day of May next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating to hear at said place of meeting all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy serve the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition & this Order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town, an abstract, containing the substance



of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return thereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks, Chairman

And this Petition was further continued until the meeting of the County Commissioners, to be holden on the fourth Tuesday of Dec<sup>r</sup> in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty-seven, & the Sheriff in pursuance of the foregoing order makes his return as follows.

Hampden Sp. April 20. 1837. I served the Town Clerk of W. Springfield with an attested copy of this petition & order of notice thereon by giving the same to him, & also posted up in two public places in S<sup>d</sup> Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

at which meeting, held as aforesaid, the County Commissioners made this report as follows.

Hampden Sp. May 22. 1837. The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County & also having caused a copy of said petition to be published as directed by the foregoing order, stating the time and place and purpose of the meeting, in pursuance of said order so published and of the notice so given as aforesaid, met at the time and place in said order mentioned, & proceeded to view the route for a road set forth in said petition; and having viewed the premises and heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who chose to be heard, for good and sufficient cause shown, said Commissioners ordered that the further consideration of said petition & the view now had thereon, be postponed and adjourned to the regular meeting of the Board next to be held at the Court House in Springfield on the 11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of June next when and where all persons and corporations interested in said petition may be further heard in the premises. By order of the Board.

James W. Crooks, Chairman

Hampden Sp. County Commissioners Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of June 1837.

On the Petition aforesaid. Ordered that the further consideration thereof be continued and postponed to the next regular meeting of the Board, to be held at the Court House in Springfield on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of October next when and where all persons & corporations interested may be heard in the premises. By order of the Board.

James W. Crooks Chairman

Hampden Sp. County Commissioners Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of October 1837.

On the petition aforesaid. Ordered that all proceedings and adjudications thereon be further continued and postponed to the next regular meeting of the Board to be held at the Court House in Springfield on the 11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of December next at which meeting all persons and corporations interested in <sup>the</sup> premises may be heard concerning the same. By

By order of the Board James W. Crooks, Chairman



Champerden Sp. County Commissioners Meeting }  
14th Tuesday of December 1837 }

And now at this meeting of the County Commissioners, having heard all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition and the view had thereon, said Commissioners do adjudge that in their opinion common convenience and necessity do not require that a road should be laid out and established as prayed for in said petition; and accordingly report that the prayer of said petition be not granted. All which is submitted

James W. Crooks & Seal } County  
Gideon Stiles & Seal } Commissioners  
Cyrus Knox & Seal }

Which Report being read and considered is accepted.

Amos Allen &c To the Honorable Board of the County Commissioners within  
Petition for a and for the County of Champerden  
Road in West Springfield  
Respectfully represent the undersigned petitioners that in our opinion a much better route may be found for a road to Northampton, than the one now travelled, especially at the time of high water in the Connecticut river. & being informed that a petition is, or is about to be presented to your honorable body praying for a Road to be laid out running westerly from the County road to commence somewhere between the Congregational Meeting house in the third parish in West Springfield and the dwelling house of John Street in said parish, and to meet the road that may be laid by the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire & being fully satisfied that the route described in the above named petition is not the best, and that the limits at the eastern end of said route are not sufficiently extensive, we therefore respectfully request you as soon as is convenient & proper to lay out a road to commence at the County road from Springfield to Northampton somewhere between Amos Allen's Tavern and the dwelling house of John Street & running westerly to meet the road that may be laid by your Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire, at the line between the two Counties of Hampshire & Champerden.

(Signed) Amos Allen & 21 others  
West Springfield, December 23, 1835.

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty five, & it was continued from meeting to meeting until the meeting holden on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1837. at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Abner Miller in West Springfield on Monday the 23 day of May next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating, to hear.



at said place of meeting, all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy serve the Town Clerk of West Springfield, with an attested copy of said petition & this Order thereon, thirty days at least, & post up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting. And this!

James W. Crooks Chairman

And this petition was further continued until the meeting of the County Commissioners to be <sup>held</sup> on the fourth Tuesday of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven; and the Sheriff in pursuance of the foregoing order, makes his report as follows.

Hampden Co. April 20. 1837. I have served the town clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon by giving the same to him. I also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

At which meeting, held as aforesaid the County Commissioners, made their report as follows.

Hampden Co. May 22. 1837. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner as set forth in the foregoing petition, of the Sheriff of said County, and also having caused a copy of said petition to be published as directed by the foregoing order, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting, in pursuance of said order so published and of the notice so given as aforesaid met at the time and place in said order mentioned & proceeded to view the route for a Road set forth in said petition; and having viewed the premises & heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who chose to be heard, for good & sufficient cause thereon, said Commissioners ordered that the further consideration of said petition and the view now had thereon, be postponed and adjourned to the next regular meeting of said Commissioners to be held at the Court House in Springfield on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of June next, when & where all persons and corporations interested in said Petition, may be further heard in the premises.

By Order of the Board

James W. Crooks. Chairman

Hampden Co. County Commissioners' Meeting  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of June 1837

On the petition aforesaid, Ordered that the further consideration thereof be continued and postponed to the next regular meeting of the Board to be held at the Court House in Springfield on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of October next when & where all persons and corporations interested may be heard in the premises.



1837

By order of the board James W. Crooks, Chairman  
Hampden Co. County Commissioners Meeting  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of October 1837.

On the petition aforesaid Ordered that all proceedings and adjudications thereon be further continued and postponed to the next regular meeting of the Board to be held at the Court House in Springfield on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of December next, at which meeting all persons and corporations interested in the premises may be heard concerning the same. By order of the Board

Hampden Co.

James W. Crooks, Chairman  
County Commissioners Meeting  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of December, 1837

And now, at this meeting of the County Commissioners, having heard all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition and the view had thereon, said Commissioners do adjudge that in their opinion common convenience and necessity do not require that a road should be laid out and established as prayed for in said petition, and accordingly report that the prayer of said petition be not granted. all which is submitted

James W. Crooks (Seal)  
Gideon Stiles (Seal)  
Cyrus Knox (Seal)

County  
Commissioners

which report being read and considered is accepted

Eli Johnson  
Petition

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
Your petitioner would respectfully represent that the road for damages laid by your Honorable board on the petition of Sturges Upson and others passes over land owned by your petitioner and that in assessing damages to the owners of the land over which said road was laid your omitted him. He prays therefore that you would reassess damages, and award such sum to him as shall appear just and reasonable.

West Springfield Nov 1. 1837.

Eli Johnson

Hampden Co. County Commissioners Meeting

Feb. 28. 1838. by adjournment from the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of December 1837

On the foregoing petition of Eli Johnson the County Commissioners of said County acting as well on the same as on the petition of Sturges Upson and others, after having fully heard the said Johnson on the subject matter of his said petition have assessed and allowed him for his land taken for the said road laid on the petition of said Upson and others the sum of Eight Dollars, and the same is allowed and assessed to the said Johnson as his damages for his land so taken

all which is submitted

James W. Crooks (Seal)  
Gideon Stiles (Seal)  
Cyrus Knox (Seal)

County  
Commissioners

which report being read & considered is accepted



To the County Commissioners for Hampden County,  
Respectfully represent, Your petitioners that they are desirous to Petition  
have said board of Commissioners view a route for a road from Springfield Bridge for  
to the line of the County of Hampshire at some point on said line between the Road from  
road leading from Malley's bridge to Southampton & Connecticut River and after viewing Springfield Bridge  
the same to make such adjudication as shall be thought most for the public to  
good Signed  
March 8<sup>th</sup> 1837. David Bassett & 15 others - Hampshire  
line

The foregoing petition was <sup>entered</sup> at a meeting of the County Com-  
missioners holden on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1837 at which  
meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of  
Abner Miller in West Springfield on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> day May next at 9  
o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to  
the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and  
corporations interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged to be  
of common convenience & necessity to proceed to locate the road  
prayed for, and after locating to hear at said place of meeting all  
persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also  
ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations inter-  
ested in said petition by publishing a copy of said Petition and the  
order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampshire Whig a news-  
paper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days  
at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered,  
that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the town clerk of West  
Springfield with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon  
thirty days at least, & post up in two public places in said town an abstract  
containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before  
the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make  
return hereof with his doings to the chairman of said commissioners,  
at or before the time of said meeting.

James M. Crooks, Chairman  
and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the  
meeting of the County Commissioners to be held on the fourth Tuesday  
of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred &  
thirty seven, and the Sheriff, in pursuance of the foregoing order  
makes his report as follows. Hampden Co. April 20. 1837.  
I have served the town clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of  
this petition & order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him  
and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract  
containing the substance of said petition. L. Rice Sheriff.  
And now at the meeting of the County Commissioners made their Report as follows  
Hampden Co. May 23. 1837. The County Commissioners of said  
County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested  
in the foregoing petition, in manner & form set forth in the fore-  
going return of the Sheriff of said County, & also having caused a  
copy of said petition to be published as directed by the foregoing  
order, stating the time, place & purpose of the meeting in pursuance  
of said order so published & of notice given as aforesaid, met  
at the time & place in said order mentioned and proceeded to  
view the route for a road set forth in said petition, & having



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viewed the premises and heard all persons and corporations interested therein who chose to be heard, for good cause shown, said Commissioners ordered that the further consideration of said petition & the pious had thereon be postponed and adjourned to the regular meeting of said Commissioners to be held at the Court house in Springfield on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of June next when & where all persons and corporations interested in said petition may be further heard in the premises

By order of the board.

James W. Brooks Chairman

Hampden Co. County Commissioners Meeting

11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of June 1837

On the petition aforesaid ordered that the further consideration of the same and all adjudications thereon be continued & postponed to the next regular meeting of the board to be held at the Court house in Springfield on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of October next, when and where all persons and corporations interested may be heard in the premises

By order of the board

James W. Brooks, Chairman

Hampden Co. County Commissioners Meeting

October Term 1837.

On the petition aforesaid, ordered that all proceedings and adjudications thereon be further postponed & continued to the next regular meeting of said Commissioners to be held at the Court House in Springfield on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of December next at which meeting all persons and corporations interested in the premises may be heard concerning the same

By order of the board

James W. Brooks, Chairman

Hampden Co.

County Commissioners Meeting

December Term 1837.

And now at this meeting of the County Commissioners having heard all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition and the pious had thereon, said Commissioners do adjudge that in their opinion common convenience & necessity do not require that a road should be laid out & established as prayed for in said petition: and so report accordingly that the prayer of said petition be not granted. All which is submitted

James W. Brooks & Seal

Gideon Stiles & Seal

Cyrus Knox & Seal

County  
Commissioners

Which report being read and considered is accepted

Franklin Morgan Hampden County Commissioners Meeting, last Tuesday of December 1837.

Petition of Jacob B. for Massett Merrick & others for a highway, acted on at the last Term of Damages Franklin Morgan prays that the Commissioners will reappose the damages allowed to him, the damages <sup>now</sup> allowed being an inadequate compensation

By

Chapman & Ashmun his attorneys



Hampden Co. County Commissioners meeting Feb. 28. 1838, held by adjournment from the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of December A. D. 1837.

On the foregoing petition of Franklin Morgan, the County Commissioners of said County, now present, to wit James W. Crooks, & Gideon Stiles, County Commissioners & Lucius Wright a Special Commissioner in the place of Cyrus Kneez, who is an inhabitant of the town of Palmer where said road is situate, acting as well on the petition of said Morgan for a reapportionment of damages, as on the petition of Jacob B. Merrick & others, and the said Morgan, being fully heard in the premises by us, we have reestimated & reapportioned the damages for land of said Morgan <sup>taken for said Road laid out on said Merrick's</sup> petition, and we have assessed and allowed said Morgan the further sum of Thirty Dollars, in addition to the sum of twelve dollars heretofore allowed him, amounting in the whole to the sum of Forty two Dollars. All which is submitted

James W. Crooks 1 Seal 3 County

Gideon Stiles 1 Seal 3 Commrs.

Lucius Wright 1 Seal Special Comm.

which report being read & considered, is accepted.

To the Commissioners of the County of Hampden

Abner Moore

The subscribers respectfully represent that the new County Petition Highway located last fall up Crow Mountain in Montgomery would <sup>fall into</sup> be much straighter and better accommodate the public if it could be altered from the rise of ground nearly opposite Abner Moore's Montgomery house & run straight to the corner of the roads by Oliver Moore's cider mill and intersect the old road there, instead of intersecting the old road near Abner Moore. Wherefore Your petitioners pray that the Commissioners would proceed to view said route and to establish the same, or as far as they may think right & proper.

August 29. 1837

Abner Moore & others

The foregoing petition was introduced at a meeting of the County Commissioners of Hampden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1837 at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Oliver Moore in Montgomery on Thursday the second day of November next, at 10 o'clock in the fore noon, for the purpose of proceeding, to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons & corporations interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, ordered, that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition & this order thereon three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig, a newspaper printed in said county, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the town clerk of Montgomery with an attested copy of said petition, and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town an



abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks, Chairman  
and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, & the Sheriff in pursuance of the foregoing order, makes his return as follows. Hampden Co. Oct 3. 1837. I served the town Clerk of Montgomery with an attested copy of this petition & order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, & also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff--  
and now at this meeting the County Commissioners made their Report as follows.

Hampden Co. Nov 2. 1837. The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, & also by causing a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice stating the time, place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the said time of meeting, in conformity with said order of notice, met at the time and place in said order mentioned and proceeded to view the road & alterations proposed in said petition and having viewed the same & heard all persons & Corporations interested therein who chose to be heard upon this subject, matter of said petition said Commissioners adjudged that in their opinion, common convenience and necessity required that an alteration should be made in said road on land of Oliver Moore, between his dwelling house & a point on the new road lately established by said Commissioners not exceeding one hundred rods northerly from said house & so report accordingly. and no objection being made to such alteration by any person or corporation then & there present, said Commissioners gave notice, that should proceed to lay out & establish said alteration as prayed for in said petition & according to their report aforesaid, & accordingly did lay out & establish the same as a public highway in manner following, to wit. Beginning at a large rock with a pile of stones thereon, the same being a monument described in the location of a Highway from Crow's bridge to near said Moors' house, which rock is on land of said Oliver Moore & run thence S. 29° 45' E. 65 rods to a point near said Moors' house - the line run passes through said Moors Cider mill, and takes about three feet thereof into the limits of said road. Said road is laid four rods wide and the line run is the north or left hand side thereof & is laid upon and over land of said <sup>Oliver</sup> Moore. Said Moore claims no damages for his land taken for said road, but expressly relinquishes all claims for damages. Six months



are allowed said Moore to remove his Cider Mill from the location the road  
is to be constructed in a workmanlike and substantial manner, the travel part  
to be 15 feet wide the hill to be properly reduced and the low & wet ground  
to be well raised & filled up and hardened & finished to the acceptance of the  
commissioners on or before the first day of June next. all which is ~~is~~  
submitted

James W. Brooks & Seal } County  
Gideon Stiles & Seal } Commissioners  
Cyrus Knox & Seal }

which Report being read & considered is accepted

To the County Commissioners of Hampden County

Wm. Dwyer

The subscribers respectfully represent that the public travel Petition  
requires the opening of a road from Franklin Street near the house for Road  
of Rev Isaac Knapp or some other convenient point to Court Street Westfield  
west of the house of Capt James Holland & thence to Silver Street  
just westerly of the house of Henry Stiles, thence to Maple Street near the  
house of Martin Cowles. We therefore pray that your honorable body  
would proceed to view the premises & establish the same as a County  
road. Westfield June 26. 1837.

Signed

William Dwyer & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the County  
Commissioners <sup>& continued to the meeting held on the 4th Tuesday of Oct. 1837</sup> held on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1837, at which last ~~meeting~~  
meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house  
of Loring Lane in Westfield on Friday the third day of November next  
at 9 O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view ac-  
cording to the prayer of said petition, & after viewing to hear all persons  
and Corporations interested therein, & if the same shall be adjudged  
to be of common convenience & necessity, to proceed to locate the  
road prayed for, and after locating, to hear at said place of meeting  
all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also  
ordered, that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said  
petition, by publishing a copy of said petition & this order thence three  
weeks successively in the Hampden Whig & Springfield Gazette news-  
papers printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen  
days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered  
that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the town clerk of Westfield  
with an attested copy of said petition & this order therein thirty days  
at least, & post up in two public places in said town, an abstract of  
containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least be-  
fore the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make  
return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners  
at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks Chairman

And this petition was continued ~~from meeting to meeting~~ to this  
meeting, and the Sheriff, in pursuance of the foregoing order, makes  
his return as follows. "Hampden Co. Oct 3 1837. I served the Town  
Clerk of Westfield with a true & attested copy of the petition of said  
order of notice thereon by giving the same to him, & also posted  
up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance  
of said petition

G. Rice Sheriff

and now, at this meeting the County Commissioners made this



report as follows. Hampden Nov 3. 1837. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing petition of the Sheriff of said County, and also by causing a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the time, place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig & the Springfield Gazette, two Newspapers, <sup>printed in</sup> said County, the last publication thereof, being at least fourteen days previous to the said ~~time~~ of meeting, in conformity with the said order of notice, met at the time & place in said order mentioned petition, & having received the same & heard all persons & corporations interested in said petition, who chose to be heard in the premises said Commissioners adjudged that in their opinion common convenience & necessity did not require the location of said road according to the prayer of said petitioners, nor any part of said proposed road, and so report accordingly. All which is submitted

James M. Brooks Seal

Hudson Stiles Seal

Cyrus Knox Seal

County

Commissioners

which Report being read & considered is accepted.

Normand Stiles Seal

Petition. The undersigned petitioners respectfully represent, that an alteration in the road for alteration leading from Southwick to Guffield, by the way of Long Yard, so called is of Road in much wanted, at a point commencing near the house of Elisha Parker and Southwick running in an easterly direction to intersect the old road near the Mill-Bridge, thence keeping near the old road to the Canal Bridge, then leaving the old road which is crooked and hilly, by going further North in an easterly direction, to intersect the old road at such point as your honors may deem expedient. The above alteration would shorten the distance of travel on said road and avoid several bad hills. We therefore pray that the Honorable Commissioners would view said road and make such alterations, as may be thought just and conducing to the public good. Southwick. June 17. 1837.

(Signed)

Normand Stiles & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1837, at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of George Beebe in Southwick on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September next, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, & after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein, & if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, & after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication



to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Southwick, with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks, Chairman.  
And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven & the Sheriff in pursuance of the foregoing order makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co. Aug. 24. 1837. I served the town clerk of Southwick with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition  
C. Rice Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting the Commissioners made their report as follows.

Hampden Co. September 26. 1837. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner as set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by causing a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of notice, to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig, a newspaper printed & published in said County, the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the time of Meeting, in conformity with said order of notice, two of said Commissioners, to wit, James W. Brooks & Cyrus Knox, & Lucius Wright a special Commissioner, in the place of Gideon Stiles, one of the County Commissioners, who was interested in said petition, being an inhabitant of the town of Southwick where the road mentioned in said petition is situate, and therefore did not act in the premises, met at the time and place in said order of notice mentioned, thus constituting a board, and proceeded to view the road in said petition mentioned and described, and after viewing the same and hearing all persons and corporations present who chose to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity required that certain alterations improvements & specific repairs should be made in said road between the house of Elisha Parker and the southwest corner of a lot of Wood land belonging to the heirs of Asa Warner, deceased, and so report accordingly. All which is submitted

James W. Brooks & Seal } County  
Cyrus Knox } Seal } Commissioners  
Lucius Wright. } Seal Special Commis.

which report being read & considered, is accepted, and the way adjudged of common convenience & necessity. At which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of George



Beebe in Southwick on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November next at 9 O'clock in the fore noon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place & purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the town Clerk of Southwick with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least, & post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks, Chairman  
and this Petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff in pursuance of the foregoing order, makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co. Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1837. I served the Town Clerk of Southwick with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

E. Rice, Sheriff.

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their Report as follows

Hampden Co. November 4<sup>th</sup> 1837. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also by causing an abstract of said petition stating the substance thereof and the time, place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the time of said meeting, in conformity with said abstract so published and according to the foregoing order, met at the time & place therein mentioned, to wit, James W. Crooks & Cyrus Knox, two of the County Commissioners & Lucius Wright a Special Commissioner, in the room & place of Gideon Stiles one of the County Commissioners who was disqualified by law to act in the premises, he being an inhabitant of the town of Southwick where said road is situate, and the board thus constituted, proceeded to lay out & establish certain alterations in the road aforesaid and direct certain improvements and repairs therein, and accordingly laid out and established the same as & for a public highway in manner following, to wit, "Beginning on the plain East of the pond at a stake on the south side of the road and near the southwest corner of a lot of Wood land, belonging to the Heirs of Asa Warner deceased & run N 68° W 44 rods to a Stake



and stones; then N. 56° W. 11 rods & 13 links to a pine stump, on the east side of Solomon Smith's land - then N. 68° W. 46 Rods to a stake & stones. then N. 78° W. 40 rods to the East corner of the upper Canal Lock near the Lock House then N. 80° W. 54 rods to a stake & stones on the south side of the old road - then following the old road N. 55° W. 31 rods 14 links to a Walnut Staddle then N. 35° W. 12 rods 18 links to a stake & stones. then N. 20° W. 17 rods to a stake and stones the north side of the Millbrook, near the bridge then N. 29° W. 57 rods to the road leading from the village to the old Mill place. The line run is the south or left hand side of the location and laid the road three rods wide, except from the Canal measuring East 40 rods it is laid 4 rods wide. & also from the Mill brook measuring East to the Walnut Staddle, mentioned in this survey, said road is laid 6 rods wide, the widening to be on both sides the road east of the Canal and in that part of it directly east of Mill brook, to be widened on the North side of the road. After laying out & establishing said road, we heard all persons & corporations interested, who chose to be heard upon the subject of damages; and we assessed and allowed damages to the following named persons, for lands taken for said <sup>road</sup> to wit to Enos Foot Five Dollars

Thaddeus Foot Ten Dollars

Solomon Smith Fourteen Dollars

Thomas Sheldon Twenty five Dollars

Thaddeus Foot and } One Hundred fifty two dollars.  
Joseph Forward }

No other persons or corporations were injured by said location or claimed damages for lands so taken. Until the first day of April next, is allowed owners of lands to remove timber & wood from the location. The road is to be worked 18 feet wide for travel path, exclusive of ditches; all roots, stumps & stones are to be removed before the bed of the road is formed; hills & knolls are to be hauled down & properly <sup>raised</sup> <sup>sandy places</sup> and low places <sup>to be</sup> hardened with suitable materials. The road to be worked sufficiently crowning that the water may pass directly into the ditches; on the side hill east of Canal bridge, the road to be worked as near the lower side as practicable, where no alteration is made in the location the old road is to be thoroughly worked & repaired and in all other respects said road is to be constructed in a workmanlike and substantial manner, & to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of September next. Substantial railing, sluices, and watercourses are to be built; wherever they may be necessary for the preservation of the road or safety of the travellers. All which is submitted.

James W. Crooks & Seal } County

Cyrus Knox & Seal } Commis.

Lucius Wright & Seal } Spec Commis.

which report being read & considered is accepted & the way adjudged of common convenience & necessity.



Accounts  
Allowed

The following accounts against the County were preferred to and  
allowed by the County Commissioners and ordered to be paid out  
the County Treasury -

D. S. Ashley & Co. \$71.00 Samuel Bowles \$37.25 Josiah Taylor \$12.00  
E. D. Beach \$0.50 Hens & Parsons \$2.47 Upham & Ingraham \$0.52  
Amasa Parsons \$22.00 George Cotton \$145.00 Zadock Symon \$42.37  
Eyasus Hens \$25.90 Elbridge G. Fuller \$2.00 James H. Crooks \$22.01  
John Ingersoll \$0.02 E. Gaylord \$6.42 Charles Williston \$2.25  
William Rice making Indep \$300.00 Caleb Rice \$4.00 Henry Brewer \$2.00  
Henry & James Brewer \$6.01 Jeremy Martin boarding furo \$147.00

Accounts

Lewis Byggs \$25.50 Edmund Rowland \$0.25 Caleb Rice \$11.69

Allowed Ind

George M. Callender \$6.37 Eli Hens \$2.03 M. B. Baker \$12.00

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Justice Willard \$10.37 Goodnow & Bortlett \$11.46 Gordon Williston \$9.90  
Amasa Parsons \$16.92 John Ingersoll \$4.09 William H. Foster \$10.00  
George Cotton \$5.00 James H. Crooks \$21.00

Road in

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for the County of  
Holland & Hampden -

Holland &

Princeton

Upon the

Petition of

Elbridge G.

Fuller & others

The Undersigned Inhabitants of Holland in said County and of the  
Towns in that vicinity respectfully represent that the highway leading  
from Holland to Princeton is highly circuitous & inconvenient to the  
public and that the public convenience & necessity require the  
location of a new public highway Beginning at the factory  
village in said Holland then running Northwesterly over the  
house of Dea. David Wallis and the house of John Wallis  
crossing the Linebang River at the old Bridge then up the valley  
of the Mill brook until it intersects with the old road leading from  
Holland to Princeton a few rods North of the Guttery Bridge so called  
in said Princeton - and also to discontinue so much of the old  
road leading from said Factory Village in said Holland to  
said Guttery Bridge as the new highway may supersede the  
necessity of. They therefore pray that the same may be  
viewed by your Hon. Board and such alterations made and  
established as the convenience of the public requires

Holland June 20<sup>th</sup> 1836 - Elbridge G. Fuller & 43 others

The aforesaid Petition was entered at the meeting of the County  
Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of  
our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty six at which  
said meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at  
the house of Elbridge G. Fuller in Holland on Wednesday the nine  
-teenth day of October next at Nine O'clock in the forenoon for the  
purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition  
and after viewing thereof all persons & corporations interested therein  
and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience  
and necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for and after  
locating to have <sup>at said place of meeting</sup> all persons & corporations interested upon the  
subject of Damages - Also ordered that Notice be given to all  
persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing  
a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively  
in the Hampshire Whig & the Republican & Journal news papers



printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days  
at least before the time of said Meeting - And it is further ordered that  
the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerks of Holland  
and Birminghams each with an attested copy of said petition and this  
order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places  
in said Towns respectively an abstract containing the substance  
of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said Meeting  
The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his  
doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time  
of said meeting

James W. Crooks Chairman  
And this Petition was continued to the meeting of the County  
Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty six and the Sheriff  
pursuant to the foregoing order makes his return as follows  
Hampden Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1836 I have served the Town Clerks of the Towns of Birminghams  
and Holland each with a true & attested copy of this petition and  
order of Notice thereon by giving the same to the Town Clerk of Holland  
and leaving the copy at the dwellinghouse of the Town Clerk of Birminghams  
and posted in two public places in each of said Towns an abstract  
containing the substance of said petition - C. Rice Sheriff

at which said last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners  
made their Report in writing as follows "Hampden Sept 19<sup>th</sup>  
1836 The County Commissioners of said County having given  
Notice to all persons <sup>corporations</sup> interested in the foregoing petition as set  
forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff and also having caused  
a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of Notice  
stating the time place & purpose of the meeting to be published three  
weeks successively in the Hampden Whig & Republic & Journal  
two newspapers printed & published in said County the last  
publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the  
said time of Meeting in conformity with the said order of Notice  
and at the time & place in said order mentioned appointed  
and proceeded to view a route for a road as described in said petition  
and after viewing the premises & hearing all persons & corporations  
interested in said petition the said Commissioners adjudged that in  
their opinion common convenience & necessity require that a  
new road or highway should be laid as prayed for in said petition  
between the termini therein mentioned and so report Accordingly  
all which is submitted

James W. Crooks & Seal }  
Gideon Steles & Seal } County  
Egbert Knox & Seal } Comrs

which report being read & considered is accepted & the way adjudged  
of common convenience & necessity and this Petition was further  
continued from Meeting to Meeting to the meeting of said County  
Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of  
June last past at which Meeting it was ordered that said Com-  
missioners meet at the house of Nye Moulton in Birminghams  
on Thursday the nineteenth day of October next at twelve O'clock  
noon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of  
said petition and after locating to hear all persons & corporations



interested upon the subject of Damages - Also that notice be given to all persons & Corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time & place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampshire Whig & the Republican & Journal newspapers printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerks of Brimfield & Holland with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting the Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

And this Petition was further confirmed by the County Commissioners on the fourth Tuesday of September 1837. And the Sheriff of said County pursuant to the foregoing order makes his return as follows "Hampden Co. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 1837. Served the Town Clerks of Brimfield & Holland each with an attested copy of the petition of said and order of Notice thereon by leaving the same at each of their dwelling houses and also posted up an abstract containing the substance of said petition in two public places in each of said Towns. James Brown Deputy Sheriff

At which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners make their Report as follows: "Hampden Co. October 19<sup>th</sup> 1837. The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons & Corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of James Brown a Deputy Sheriff of said County and also having caused an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof and stating the time place & purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampshire Whig & the Republican & Journal newspapers printed in said County the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the said time of meeting in conformity with said abstract so published and of the foregoing order met at the time & place therein mentioned and proceeded to lay out & establish a road or highway as follows to wit - Beginning at the Southeast corner of Elbridge G. Fuller's Northwesterly Shop near his factory in Holland & run thence N. 8<sup>th</sup> W. 87 rods to a stone a point bearing S. 39° W. with the East side of the pond - thence N. 10° W. 13 rods 14 links on the pond to a stake thence N. 43° N. 19 rods to intersection of old road thence N. 37° W. 27 rods 13 links to the summit of a gravel hill thence N. 43° W. 49 rods 11 links to the west side of old road a point bearing E. 44° N. to the S. W. corner of cider mill thence N. 24° W. 11 rods 14 links withing west side of H. Wallis' wood house to a stake bearing E. 26° N. to H. Wallis' barn thence N. 5° W. 37 rods 3 links to N. E. Corner of John Wallis' Barn thence N. 26° 3/4 W. 35 rods to stone heap on the top of a ledge thence N. 37° N. 42 rods 20 links to N. E. corner of Woodbury Old barn west of the river



then N. 95° N. 21 rods to a large heap of stones being a monument  
 on town line then N. 144° W. 23 rods 11 links to a stake standing  
 opposite a white oak tree marked; then N. 34 1/2° N. 20 rods to  
 a stake 20 links from a maple marked; then N. 29° N. 24 rods  
 to a stake 2 feet from a white pine marked; then N. 41 1/4° N.  
 26 rods to a stake between two pines marked; then N. 15°  
 N. 22 rods 22 links to a stake 1 1/2 feet from a small hemlock tree  
 marked; then N. 20 1/2° N. 10 rods to a small birch tree cut off near  
 a hemlock marked; then N. 33° N. 11 rods to a stake 2 rods west  
 side woods on land of David & Benjamin Wald; then N. 22 3/4°  
 N. 30 9 rods to a poplar marked; then N. 20° N. 113 rods to a stake  
 and stones on the side hill south of the brook on James Joustellott  
 land then N. 44° N. 24 rods crossing the brook to a stake & stones  
 in the field; then N. 30° N. 51 3/5 rods to a white oak tree on the  
 east side of the old road to Plainfield a few rods north of the  
 Guthrie Bridge so called - the line run is the Southwesterly  
 or left hand limits and the road is laid three rods wide except  
 in the following places to wit five rods wide on Abijah Pearce's  
 gravel hill - four rods wide on John Wallis' land from his  
 well north of his barn to the old bridge place - and on Hobbs  
 land widen from three rods at the old barn to five rods on the  
 high ground by the town line and from said line narrow  
 to three rods at the large oak tree marked by the marsh  
 and after locating said road & hearing all persons and  
 corporations interested upon the subject of damages we  
 have assessed & allowed damages as follows to wit,

To James & Linn Forty five Dollars  
 Abijah Pearce Seventy Dollars  
 Adolphus & Abner Hobbs Ten Dollars  
 James Charles - Twenty seven Dollars  
 Benjamin D. & David Wald Twenty six Dollars  
 Nelson North & Elias Snow One Hundred & six Dollars  
 Widow Parris Wald Ten Dollars  
 Heirs of Benjamin D. Wald due & owing  
 Benjamin D. Wald Seventeen Dollars  
 David Wald - Seventeen Dollars  
 Ira Hall & Parris his wife Seventeen Dollars  
 John D. Wald - Seventeen Dollars  
 Mary Wald - Seventeen Dollars  
 and to Betsey A. Wald Seventeen Dollars  
 Elias Torbell One Hundred & twenty eight Dollars  
 Elias & Samuel Torbell Seventy two Dollars  
 Lemuel Sambord Sixty seven Dollars  
 Harvey Russell - One Hundred thirty five Dollars  
 P. Moore \$1.00 - One Dollar  
 Lewis Williams - Five Dollars  
 James Joustellott - Fifty five Dollars  
 Elmonah Spring Eighty five Dollars -

The following persons relinquish all claims for damages (OD),  
 E. G. Fuller, Lyman Gould, John Wallis, David Wallis and Horace Wallis



The Wobblers relinquish damages for the road in width and claim for the residue of the land taken. We have estimated the expense of constructing that part of the road that lies in the Town of Brainfield at Seven Hundred Dollars and order that the sum of Three Hundred & fifty Dollars be paid to said Town whenever said road shall be finished to the acceptance of the County Commissioners of said County. In the construction of the road the following particulars are to be observed - The travel path is to be 10 feet wide exclusive of the ditches and the road to be properly raised & crowned so that the water may pass directly into the ditches and not stand upon the road all stones rocks roots & stumps are to be removed before the bed of the road is formed - all low wet & marshy places are to be sufficiently raised so that the road may be hard & dry - on Wobblers land across the marsh or old causeway the travel path may be 14 feet wide the bridges across the river & brook to be 14 feet wide and other bridges and sluices to be of the same width of the travel path adjacent thereto and to be built as well as all water courses whenever they may be necessary - all sandy places to be properly hardened and all hills & knolls to be properly reduced the gravel hill on Jackson Pierce's land and also on Russell & Sawtelle's land to be hauled down so that the elevation of the road shall not exceed four degrees with the horizon and if practicable to be brought down to three degrees - the bridge across the brook to be raised as high as may be practicable for permanence and durability and the low ground on each side the brook to be raised so that the passage to the bridge may be easy & convenient the hills & ledges on John Hollis' land to be hauled down & reduced and the low ground on each side the river to be well raised so that the passage to the bridge may be very easy & convenient in other places very low wet & marshy the travel path may be sixteen feet wide good & substantial railing to be placed along the road and bridges wherever required for the safety of the travellers And in all other respects said road is to be constructed in a good & substantial & workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners of said County on or before the first day of October in the year 1830 - Until the first day of June next is allowed to the owners of lands to take of and remove their wood timber and other obstructions from said location all which is submitted

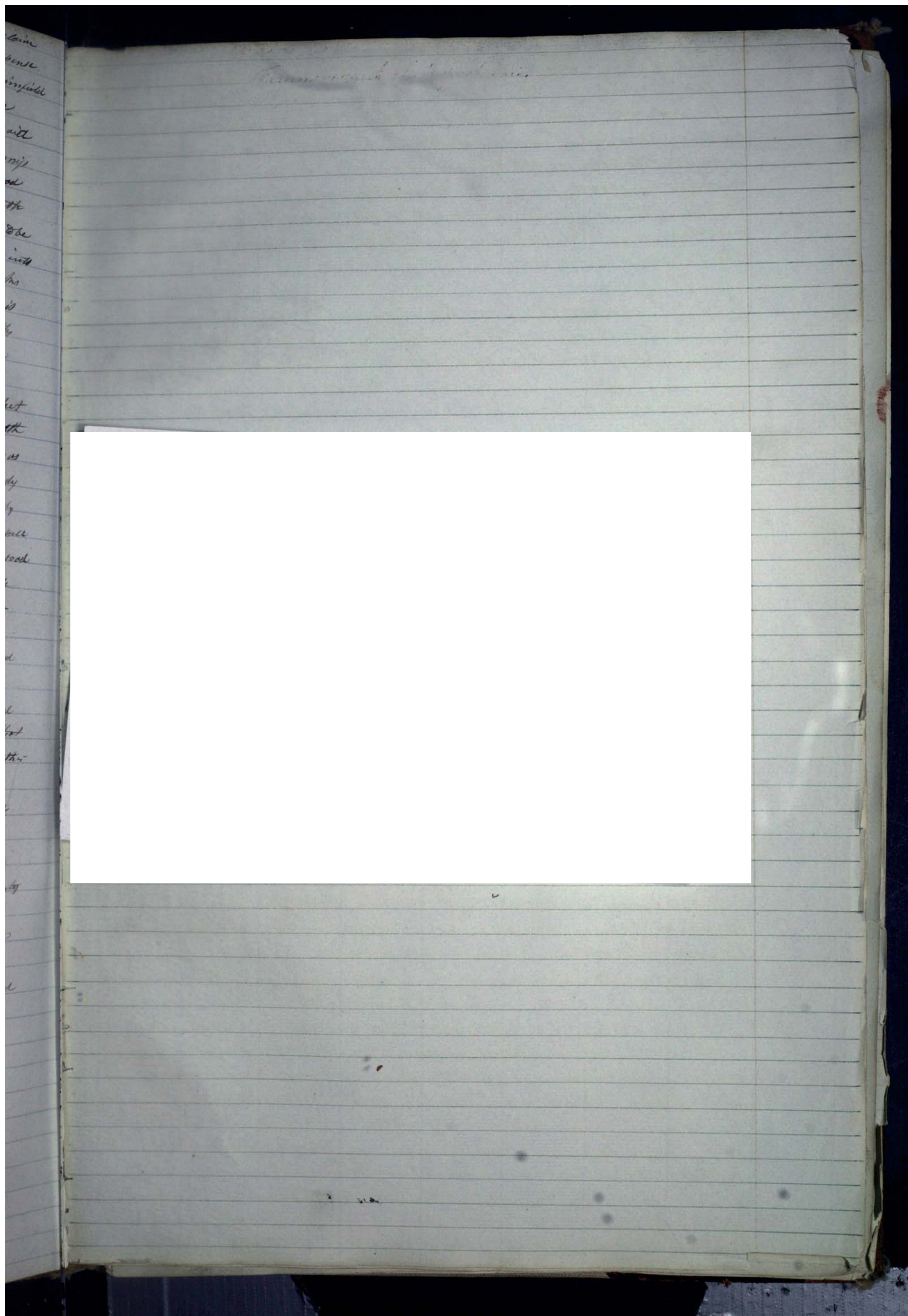
James M. Crooks & Seal  
Gideon Steles & Seal  
Cyrus Snow & Seal

which report being read & considered is accepted and the way established as a public highway

April 9<sup>th</sup> 1830 Adjourned without day

Attest John Ingersoll Clerk





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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 Hampden At a Meeting of the County Commissioners  
 of the County of Hampden begun and holden at  
 Springfield within and for the County of Hampden  
 on the second Tuesday of April being the tenth day of  
 said Month in the Year of our Lord one thousand  
 eight hundred and thirty eight and from day to day  
 to the 12<sup>th</sup> day of said Month and by adjournment  
 on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1838 and from day to day to  
 the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May -

By James W Crooks Esq Chairman  
 Gideon Stiles Esq }  
 Cyrus Knox Esq } County Commissioners

Western R R To the board of County Commissioners of the County  
 Petition as to Hampden. Respectfully represent. The Western  
 Highway Rail Road Corporation. That their rail road  
 by 12<sup>m</sup> Brook as located <sup>within</sup> the Town of Wilbraham in said  
 County a little westerly of twelve mile brook is crossed  
 by a public highway which leads from the turn pitke  
 Southerly up the Mountain in an inconvenient manner  
 and at a place which will be inconvenient to the public  
 travel and expensive of construction that the said  
 highway may be turned a little westerly and pass  
 the rail road at the same grade without essential  
 injury thereto and your Petitioners think proper  
 to alter the same accordingly passing the same  
 upon and over lands of John Bliss of said Wilbraham  
 They therefore pray the Commissioners after due notice  
 to view the premises and direct the manner in which  
 the said way shall be altered.

Dated at Springfield this 3<sup>d</sup> day of October. A D 1837  
 the Western R R Corporation  
 By Geo Bliss Agt

Hampden March 1<sup>st</sup> 1838 The County Commissioners  
 of said County having given seasonable notice to the  
 Select Men of Wilbraham and to John Bliss  
 named in the foregoing petition by serving the said  
 Select Men & the said Bliss with abstracts of said  
 Petition copies of which abstracts are here to annexed  
 met all the said parties and Richard D Morris who  
 appeared for said Western Rail Road Corporation  
 at the House of Almond Lard in said Wilbraham on the  
 first day of March A D 1838 at ten o'clock in the forenoon  
 and proceeded to view the Road proposed to be altered  
 by said Petition and having heard all the said Parties  
 on the premises respecting the same then and there were  
 of opinion that the said Alteration of said Road  
 as prayed will not essentially injure the same and the



same was accepted and approved running as follows viz  
Beginning in the middle of the East end of Culvert over 10 mile  
brook South  $87^{\circ} 15''$  West 12 rods from a blazed Elm tree  
thence running South  $44^{\circ} 15''$  West 17 rods 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  links to a  
point 5 feet 5 inches south of the true center of the Western  
Rail Road thence South  $18^{\circ}$  West 4 rods 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  links then  
South  $4^{\circ} 15''$  West 4 rods 21 links, thence South  $52^{\circ} 30''$   
West 8 rods to a point South East side of the Town Road  
The Road to be three rods wide on the ~~South~~<sup>North</sup> westerly side of  
the said line to be well worked at the expense of the said  
Corporation and in every respect equal to the construction  
of the corresponding parts of the old road and we have app  
raised the damages of said John Blip at the sum of  
Eight Dollars to be paid by said Corporation  
Cyrus Knox one of the Standing County Commissioners  
being a Stockholder in said Western Rail Road Corporation  
did not meet or act upon the subject matter of said Peti  
tion. And Lucius Wright one of the special Commis  
sioners was duly summoned and acted thereon

All which is submitted

James W. Crooks & Seal County  
Gideon Stiles & Seal Commissioners  
Lucius Wright & Seal Special Commissioner

To John Blip of Wilbraham in the County of Hampden  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their  
Petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting  
forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town  
of Wilbraham in said County so that the same is crossed  
by a public way leading from the turnpike a little westerly  
of 12 mile brook. Southerly up the mountain and that  
for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same  
they think proper to alter course of said way as follows  
viz by turning the same a little <sup>more</sup> westerly & pass the Rail  
Road at the same grade so that the same as altered will  
pass over lands of John Blip. and have requested the comm  
issioners to view the premises and direct the manner in  
which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that  
the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Ahmond  
Lards Inn in Wilbraham the first day of March next at  
10 o'clock A M when and where you may be present if  
you see cause and be heard upon the subject  
Feb 15<sup>th</sup> AD 1838 In Order James W. Crooks Chairman  
I certify that I have notified the within named John  
Blip by leaving at his dwelling  
House an attested Copy of this Notification  
February 19-1838

R D Morris



To the Select Men of Wilbraham in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their Petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Wilbraham in said County so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from the turnpike a little West of twelve mile brook Southerly up the mountain and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows viz by turning the same a little more Westwardly and pass the Rail Road at the same grade so that the same as altered will pass over lands of John Bliss and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Almond Lards Inn in said Wilbraham on the first day of March next at 10 o'clock A.M. when and where you may be present if you see cause and be heard upon the subject  
February 15<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1838

Pr order

James M Crooks Chairman

I certify that I have notified the select men of Wilbraham by leaving with John M Cray of the said Select Men an attested Copy of this notification

February 19<sup>th</sup> 1838

R D Morris

which report being read and <sup>considered is</sup> accepted

To the Hon the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden. The Petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation respectfully represent that Corporation they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon Petition for and across the land of John Callahan and Mary Assessment of Callahan his wife of Brimfield in the County of Hampden which land is situated in the town of Brimfield Brimfield in said County of Hampden and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows viz - Bounded Southerly on land of Hiram Norman S Powers & Easterly on Land devised by Stephen Powers to Norman S Powers & to Norman S Powers and Nathan M Powers being a Strip of land across the Homestead of said John & Mary I about 60 rods 11 feet in length & including five rods wide viz two & half rods upon each side of the true center line of the Rail Road as located for a double track Also upon and across Lands of John Callahan & Mary I Callahan his wife. Norman S Powers and Nathan M Powers which Land is situated in said Brimfield and that part taken for said Rail Road is described as follows viz - Northwardly on Warren line near Station No 717 and Southerly on Land of John Callahan & Mary I Callahan his wife near Station No 738 - 60 being about 131 rods in length and including about 5 rods

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wide viz about 2 1/2 rods upon each side of the true center  
as located for a double track and a small additional width  
near the northerly end That your Petitioners have not been  
able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the  
owner thereof. They therefore pray the County Commissioners  
after due notice to view the premises and estimate the amount  
of damages if any sustained by the said John, Mary &  
Norman & Nathan M. thereby according to law,  
Dated at Springfield this thirty first day of October A.D. 1837

The Western R R Corporation

By Geo Bliss Agent

Dismissed

To the Hon the Board of County Commissioners of the  
County of Hampden. The Petition of the Western Rail Road  
Corporation respectfully represent That they have laid out  
and located their Rail Road upon and across the land in  
which Mahitable Collins of Wilbraham in the County of Hampden  
has an interest. which land is situated in the town of Wilbraham  
in said County of Hampden and that part thereof so taken  
for said Rail Road is described as follows viz bounded  
Easterly by the Turnpike Road and Westerly by land of Warren  
Collins and is about 10 1/2 rods in length and including  
five rods wide viz two & half rods upon each side of the true  
center line of said Rail Road as located for a double track  
also upon and across land in which Lucy King and Mary  
King both of Palmer in said County of Hampden have  
an Interest and the part thereof taken for said Rail Road  
is described as follows viz bounded Easterly on land of  
Sylvester Parks and near the Station 1003-45 and westerly  
on Land of John Watson and near Station 1018-60 being a strip  
of Land across the Homestead occupied by Alonzo N Dewey  
about 9 1/4 rods in length and including five rods  
wide viz - two & half rods upon each side of the true  
centre of said Rail Road as located for a double track  
That your Petitioners have not been able to obtain said  
lands by voluntary agreement with the owners thereof.  
They therefore pray the County Commissioners after  
due notice to view the premises and estimate the  
amount of damages if any sustained by the said  
Lucy & Polly and Mahitable thereby according to law,  
Dated at Springfield this third day of October A.D. 1837

The Western R R Corporation

By Geo Bliss Agent

Hampden ss March 1<sup>st</sup> 1838 The County Commissioners The Western  
of said County having given seasonable notice to R R Corp<sup>n</sup>  
Lucy King and Mary King mentioned in the foregoing Petition & sent  
Petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation by of damages in  
serving each of them with an abstract of such part Wilbraham & Palmer  
thereof as concerns the said Lucy & Mary as appears Mahitable Collins  
by a Copy of said abstract on file and hereto annexed Lucy King  
Polly King



Met Hitteredge & Earl agent and atty for said Lucy and Mary & Richard D Morris agent of said petitioner at the House of John Sedgwick in Palmer in said County on this first day of March AD 1838 at one o'clock P.M. and having examined the premises described in said Petition as taken for the location of said Rail Road. and having fully heard the said Earl and the said Morris in the premises. we have appraised the damages occasioned by the location of said Rail Road to the interest of said Lucy & Mary thereon at the Sum of Forty dollars & fifty cents and it further appears to said Commissioners that Mahitable Collins named in the foregoing petition had been fully settled with for her damages by said Corporation nothing further was done with that portion of said Petition.

Cyrus Hunt one of the Standing County Commissioners being a Stockholder in said Western Rail Road Corporation did not act in the adjudication and proceedings upon the foregoing Petition, and Lucius Wright one of the Special Commissioners was duly summoned and acted thereon.

All which is Submitted.

James W Crooks } Seal } County  
Gideon Stiles } Seal } Commissioners  
Lucius Wright Special Commissioner

To Lucy King and Mary King both of Palmer in the County of Hampden, Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their Petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Palmer in said County upon and over lands in which you have an interest situated in Palmer being the homestead occupied by Alanson S. Searcy which lands are particularly described in said petition on file and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages if any sustained by you thereby You are <sup>hereby</sup> notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at John Sedgwick's Inn in <sup>said</sup> Palmer on the first day of March next at 1 o'clock P.M. when and where you may be present if you see cause and be heard upon the subject.

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> AD 1838

Pr order

James W Crooks Chairman

I certify that I have notified the within named Lucy King & Mary King by giving to each an attested Copy of this Notification

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which report being read and considered is excepted

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Licensed Granted April 1838

Samuel Day Innholder at the House occupied by him last year on Bayford opposite Mount Mansfield

Elijah Seymour Innholder in the House now occupied by him Braintree  
Elijah Seymour Retailer in the Store now occupied by him  
Zed Root Retailer in the Store now occupied by him  
Timothy M. Cooley Retailer in the Store now occupied by Cooley & Gibbons  
Charles Phelps Innholder in the dwelling house now occupied by him

Lyman Lathrop Innholder near the Meeting house of the Longmeadows  
Third religious Society in said Longmeadows  
Dimon Colton Innholder near the Meeting house in Longmeadows

Tolland

George Beebe Innholder in the House he now occupies Southwick  
John Bruce Innholder in the House owned by Elmore  
Gillett and occupied by George Clarke last year  
Enoch Doan is Licensed as an Innholder in Center of the Town of Southwick

Robert G. Henry Innholder the same place kept by him last year Chester  
Henry King Innholder to sell Wine and fermented  
Liquors at Chester North Village (no duty)

Montgomery

Russell Hawley Innholder at the house occupied by him last year Russell

Theodore Bartlett Innholder at the stand now occupied by J. L. Fairfield West Springfield  
Chester Crafts Innholder the stand he now occupies in Ireland Parish  
Jonathan O. Mosely Innholder at the stand he now occupies near Spoff Bridge  
Silas Drury Retailer at the Store he now occupies in Fiddlinghills  
Nathan Clark Innholder at the stand now occupied by him in Agawam Parish  
Lyman Whitman Retailer where he now occupies in Agawam  
Amos Allen <sup>Innholder</sup> at the stand he now occupies in Ireland Parish  
Theodosia Palmer Innholder where she now occupies  
Harvey Root Retailer at the Store he now occupies in Fiddlinghills

Thomas Glover Innholder at the Glover stand so called Milbraun  
Henry Glover Retailer at his Store  
Oliver Cadwell Retailer at his Store  
John M. Cray Innholder at his stand in South Parish



Monson Lyon & Norcross Retailers to sell wine and distilled spirits for medicinal and manufacturing purposes at the Store now occupied by them  
Amos Norcross Innholder to sell wine & fermented liquors no duty

Wales Cornelius Miller Innholder at the dwelling house where he now resides

Holland Elisha Kinney Innholder at the house he now occupies

Brimfield Joseph D. Brownie Innholder at his house on the north east corner of the Common in said Brimfield

Palmer

Ludlow Ashley Hayden Innholder at the house now occupied by him  
Frusna Fuller Innholder at the house she now occupies

Westfield Major L. Bishop Innholder at the house occupied last year by Theodore Hannum  
John Rogers Innholder at the house now occupied by him  
Rosalie King " at the house now occupied by him  
Thomas Loomis " at the house he now occupies  
Alonso Allen Retailer at his Store  
Erna Hubbard do In Iron Buildings  
Lewis Chapman Innholder at the house now occupied by Loring Lane  
Elijah Arnold Retailer at his Store  
Israel M. Parsons at the house he now occupies

Jonathan Bruffy Pet<sup>r</sup> for a Retailer in Springfield  
Prayer of Petition Granted on the Hill at the Store now occupied by him in Hubbards Buildings. a Petition on file

Vephams and Ingrahams Petition to be a Retailer in Springfield  
Prayer of Petition Granted on the Hill at Corner of State & Walnut Sts  
Petition on file

Florister Bonney Petition to be an Innholder in Springfield  
Prayer of Petition Granted in the house lately occupied by John I. Bishop in Main Street Petition on file

Elisha Gunn Petition to be a Retailer in Springfield  
Prayer of Petition Granted on west corner of State and Walnut Streets Petition on file

as prayed will not presumably injure in



Elisha Edwards Petition to be a Retailer in Springfield  
Prayer of Petition Granted at his Store in Main Street Pet on file

Bryant & Blip Pet to be Retailers in Springfield  
Prayer of Pet. Granted at the Store in Main Street  
now occupied by them Petition on file

Marrin Chapin Petition to be an Innholder in Springfield  
Prayer Granted Petition on file at Cabotville

Austin Chapin Jr Petition to be an Innholder in Springfield  
Prayer Granted Petition on file (near Cabotville)

Sylvester Allen Pet to be an Innholder in Springfield  
Prayer of Petition Granted {Pet on file} at Millmansett

Ezra Kimbaly Pet to be an Innholder in Springfield  
Prayer Pet Granted {Petition on file} at upper water shops

Henry Stocking Pet to be an Innholder in Springfield  
Prayer Granted {on the Hill} at the place or House  
called the Franklin Hotel and near the corner of State  
and Walnut Streets {Petition on file}

Horace Cutler & Co Pet<sup>m</sup> to be Retailers of Wine and fermented  
Liquors in Springfield near Blip Mill Prayer Granted  
no duty {Petition on file}

Abner Allen Petition to be an Innholder in Palmer  
Prayer Granted in Center of the Town aforesaid {Petition on file}

Abel Calkins Pet to be ~~an~~ an Innholder in Palmer at Three  
Rivers Prayer Granted {Petition on file}

John Sedgwick Pet to be an Innholder in Palmer at  
The old Stand Prayer Granted {Petition on file}

Ezekiel Adams Pet to be an Innholder in Springfield  
at Chicopee Falls Prayer Granted {Petition on file}

Sterns & Parsons Petition to be Retailers in Springfield  
at their Store now occupied by them in Main Street  
adjoining the house of James Wells. Prayer of Petition  
Granted Petition on file

Edward F. Mosely Pet to be an Innholder in Springfield  
on the Hill at the house now occupied by him on  
State Street near the corner of Walnut & State Streets



Jeremy Warrice Petition to be an Innholder in Springfield  
at Corner of Main & State Streets where he now, Nicks Prays for  
Granted  
Petition on file

James Worthington Pet to be an Innholder in Springfield  
at Corner of Main and Court Streets. Pray Granted  
Petition on file

John Baldwin Pet to be an Innholder in Springfield  
at the place called 5 mile house or Dimock place Pray Granted  
Petition on file

Accounts  
allowed

The following accounts against the County of Hampden  
were preferred to and allowed by the County Commissioners  
and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury  
John Fingersoll for repairs apportioning County Jail as he bills \$21.93  
Miller & Fickett for Timber, Picketing, Railing &c as he bills on file 32.65  
Theodore Blip for Railing, Pickets &c as he Bill on file 4.71  
Amasa Parsons for getting up wood and taking care Court House as he bills 13.75  
C. Rice for serving order of notice on Blip & others as he Bill on file 5.27  
G. & C. Merriam for Paper Octave Bible &c as he Bill on file 5.56  
Wm S Bowe for surveying road in Springfield as he Bill on file 1.50  
L. Briggs for printing & quires Blanks as he Bill on file 2.50  
William H Foster for directing poor Prisoners and articles  
furnished for Jail as he Bill on file \$515.21

Asa Chapman &c the Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
and others Respectfully represent your Petitioners that the alterations  
Application in the road leading from the house of Lyman Root to  
for reassess Westfield made by your Honourable Board last fall  
and increase subjects your petitioners to very great expences in moving  
of Damages the fences and in several places it embraces considerable  
more land of your petitioners than was anticipated, and  
further that the amount awarded as damages is by no  
means equal to the expences of moving the fences. They  
pray therefore that your Honourable Board would reassess  
damages and allow such additional sum as on a further  
consideration shall appear just and reasonable  
Westfield April 9<sup>th</sup> 1838

Asa Chapman  
Morris Cowles  
Owen Drake

Hampden ss. At a Meeting of the County Commissioners  
of said County on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 1838 by adjournment  
from the Tuesday of April 1838  
And now said Commissioners acting as well on the  
foregoing petition as on the Original Petition of  
Owen Drake & others on which said alterations  
were made. and after duly considering the premises  
do accept and reestimate damages on said Drakes



Petition and do allow and assess damages on the foregoing Petition  
as follows, to wit, To Asa Chapman the sum of Twelve Dollars  
To Morris Cowles Eight Dollars - To Owen Drake Twenty  
five Dollars, being the whole amount allowed to said Peti-  
tioners respectively including the allowance made in the Loc-  
ating Report on the Petition of said Drake

All which is submitted

James M. Crooks } County  
Gideon Stiles } Commissioners

#### Prayer of Petition Granted

To the County Commissioners of Hampden County James Sheave  
The subscriber having been a retailer of Spirituous Petition for  
and fermented Liquors for two years past under Licence Petition  
Licence duly obtained from the County Commissioners  
and having been unreasonably refused an approbation  
by the Selectmen of Palmer, and having given  
them due notice of his intention to apply to the Coun-  
ty Commissioners for a renewal of his licence  
as a retailer, now prays that he may be licenced  
according to law in such case provided

April 30-1838

James Sheave

#### Prayer of Petition Granted

To the County Commissioners of Hampden County Emelius Bond  
The subscriber having been a Retailer of Spirits Petition for  
and fermented Liquors duly allowed from the County Licence Retailer  
Commissioners and having been unreasonably refu-  
sed & approbation by the selectmen of Palmer &  
having giving them due notice of his intention  
to applying to the County Commissioners for a rene-  
wal of his License as a retailer now prays that he  
may be licenced agreeably to law in such case provided

April 10-1838

Emelius Bond

#### Prayer of Petition Granted

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden H & J Brewer  
The subscribers having been by the Selectmen of the Petition for  
Town of Springfield unreasonably refused a certifi- Licence Retailer  
cate of approbation for the renewal of our License  
as retailers or sellers of all kinds of Spirits Miners  
&c in our Store in the Town of Springfield and having  
given due notice to the said Selectmen that we shall  
make application to County Commissioners for a license  
therefore pray that we may be licensed according  
to law in such provided

May 14-1838

H & J Brewer

#### Prayer of Petition Granted

Quack Doon is licensed as an Innholder in the centre of the Quack Doon  
Town of Southwick



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 Horatio Sargeant To The County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
 Pet. for License The undersigned requests you to grant him a license as an innholder  
 as an innholder in & retailer of wines and spirituous liquors at the house owned by  
 Springfield - me and lately kept by James Worthington and called the Hampden  
 your petition having asked the Selectmen of Springfield for an  
 approbation which they unreasonably refused and the subscribers  
 having given notice to the majority of the Selectmen of the last  
 disacts that he should apply to the County Commissioners for such  
 license at their meeting the present week he now requests your  
 board to grant him such license the notice to the Selectmen  
 appears by their certificate on the back of this petition  
 Springfield May 15<sup>th</sup> 1830  
 Horatio Sargeant

Prayer of Petition granted

Noah Hardin Noah Hardin is licensed as a retailer in Granville in a  
 small red store in East Granville near the Baptist meetinghouse

Moses Tyler Moses Tyler is licensed as a retailer in the Town of Brimfield  
 at the store belonging to the heirs of Ichabod Bliss

County tax In conformity to a Resolve of the General Court passed on the  
 for 1830 twenty first day of April A.D. 1830 Granting a tax of eight thousand  
 Apportionment Dollars for the County of Hampden The same is apportioned upon  
 the several Towns in said County in Manner following viz

Blandford --- \$410.55.1

Brimfield --- 470.10.3

Chester --- 291.20.5

Granville --- 357.79.0

Holland --- 107.79.0

Ludlow --- 341.74.3

Longmeadow --- 362.3.5

Manson --- 564.22.0

Montgomery --- 114.67.9

Palmer --- 311.92.6

Russell --- 103.21.1

Southwick --- 323.39.4

Springfield --- 1062.30.5

Tolland --- 162.04.5

West Springfield --- 922.01.0

Westfield --- 692.66.1

Wales --- 153.67.0

Wilbraham --- 447.24.0

\$ 8009.00.00

and warrant have issued dated April 20<sup>th</sup> 1830 directed to the  
 Selectmen or Assessors of the several Towns in the County directing  
 them to assess the same upon the Inhabitants of their respective Towns  
 and requiring their respective Collectors or Constables to collect and  
 pay the same to George Cotton Esq. County Treasurer his successor or  
 order by the fifteenth day of September next ensuing as the law  
 directs



The following accounts against the County were proposed and  
allowed by the County Commissioners & ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury

Horace Noble - fees as Solicitor at C. C. P. Oct. 1836 Com. W. Springfield  
omitted to be taxed in the July bill ----- \$1.75

G. H. Merriam quills & paper ----- 1.67

Amasa Parsons - Bookbinding stores &c ----- 17.25

Philip Kilop - sundries on p. bill ----- 20.90

George W. Gallender Record books &c p. bill ----- 11.37

Jon. Goldthwait for engraving a seal ----- 3.00

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire

Francis Bart

The Subscriber having been by the Selectmen of the Town of  
Longmeadow unreasonably refused a certificate of approbation  
for the renewal of my license as a retailer or seller of all kinds  
of spirits wines &c in my store in the Town of Longmeadow  
and having given due notice to the said Selectmen that I shall  
make application to the County Commissioners for a license  
therefor - prays that he may be licensed according to law in  
such case provided April 10<sup>th</sup> 1830

Francis Bart

Prayer of Petition Granted

Hampshire May 26<sup>th</sup> 1830 All matters not acted upon are  
ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without  
day

Attest John Ingersoll Clerk



## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of June, being the twenty-sixth day of said Month, in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and from day to day to the thirtieth day of said June, and by adjournment on the first Monday of August, being the sixth day of said month, and by adjournment on the third Monday of September, being the seventeenth day of said month, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and from day to day to the twenty-second day of said September.

By James W. Crooks Esq. Chairman  
Gideon Stiles Esq. } Commissioners.  
Cyrus Kneaf Esq. }

Western

R. Road Corp.

Petition

to confirm

alterations of

two roads in

Springfield

Go the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden The Petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, That an old way which leads from the Chicopee Factory road towards Cabotville, and near the head of Garden Brook, in Springfield in said County, crosses their Rail road in an inconvenient place, requiring a very expensive Bridge; that the same is crooked and very little used, except as a private way, and your petitioners are not informed whether the same is in fact a public highway. That the southerly end thereof may be turned more easterly and northerly upon land of Walter Stebbins, Asa Hagg, and Alexander Bliss of said Springfield, or of either of them, so as to enter said Factory road northerly of the rail road, and without essential injury. And the petitioners think proper to alter the same accordingly. And that the said Chicopee Factory road in said Springfield crosses said rail road, as located, in a very oblique direction, and one inconvenient to the public travel. That the same is there crooked and curving to the South and it may, without injury thereto, be straightened and turned more northerly, so as to cross the rail road by the same bridge with the way last mentioned passing the same upon land of Moses Bliss, the petitioners, Asa Hagg, Alexander Bliss, William Cooly, and Amasa Parsons all of said Springfield, and land of other persons unknown, or of any or all of them; and that the same may, without injury, at or near the head of Garden Brook, be turned more southerly upon lands of heirs of Judathan Sanderson, Moses Bliss, and Foster Stebbins of said Springfield, so as to straighten the same, and pass the said road more directly. And your petitioners think proper to alter the same accordingly. They therefore pray the Commissioners, after due notice, to view the said several premises, and direct the manner in which the said alterations shall be made, and have such other proceedings



thereon as the law requires.

The Western Rail R. Corp.

June 1837.

By Geo Bliss, Agent.

Hampden Co. June 2<sup>d</sup> A. D. 1838.

The County Commissioners of said County, having given Seasonable notice to the Selectmen of Springfield, and to Festus Stettins, Asa Flagg, and Alexander Bliss, named in the foregoing petition, by serving the said Stettins, Flagg and Bliss, with abstracts of said petition, copies of which abstracts are hereto annexed, met all the said parties and George Bliss, who appeared for the said Western Rail Corporation at the house of Henry Stocking in said Springfield, on the second day of June, A. D. 1838, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and proceeded to view the roads proposed to be altered by said petition, and having heard all the said parties on the premises respecting the same, Stephen O. Russell appearing on behalf of the town of Springfield, said Commissioners then and there were of opinion that the said alterations of said Roads as prayed for in said petition will not essentially injure the same, as incommode the public travel, and the same were accepted and approved, running as follows, viz. First. Alteration of the Chicopee Factory Road; Beginning at a point marked with stake and stones, 82½ feet southerly of the true centre of the Rail road, at station 645, on land of the W. R. R. Corporation, on the north side of the Old road; then running N. 21° 15' W. 13 rods; - then N. 61° 15' E. 10 rods 12½ feet to a point on the North side of said old road - The line run is the Northerly side of the road, and the road is laid 4 rods wide, upon and over land of Festus Stettins, and the W. R. R. Corporation. Secondly. Alteration of old road leading to Lower Chicopee, or Cabotville. Beginning at a point 134 feet northerly of Station 653, on the East side of old Road, marked with stakes and stones, on Asa Flagg's land, then running N. 61° 15' E. 60½ rods to a point 3 rods southerly of the N. W. corner of the alteration in Chicopee Factory road, first above described. Said road is laid 2 rods wide upon and over lands of Alexander Bliss and Asa Flagg, and the line run is the southerly side of said road. Said roads are to be well worked, at the expense of said Corporation, and to be made in every respect equal to the construction of the corresponding parts of said old roads. And we have appraised the damages of Festus Stettins at the sum of Fifteen Dollars; the damages of Asa Flagg at Fourteen Dollars, and the damages of Alexander Bliss at Eight Dollars.

Cyrus Knox, one of the County Commissioners, being a Stockholder in said Western Rail Road Corporation, did not meet or act upon the subject matter of said petition; and Lucius Wright a Special Commissioner, was duly summoned and acted thereon.

All which is submitted

James W. Crooks & Seal } County  
Gideon Stiles & Seal } Commissioners  
Lucius Wright & Seal } Special Com.

Whereas upon the petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation for the alteration of the Chicopee Factory Road, the County Commissioners have viewed the same on the 5 day of June A. D. 1838; and



whereas by the alteration proposed, the same is thrown on to land owned by me, I do hereby consent to said alteration, and wave all notice to me; the Commissioners to appraise the damage done to me thereby.

Festas Stebbins

To Asa Flagg, Alexander Bliss, both of Springfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Springfield in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from the Factory road, west of the Farm house of Asa Flagg towards Cabotville, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz. by turning the <sup>same</sup> course at the southerly end thereof more easterly, so as to cross the Rail road at right angles thereto, at or near the line between Asa Flagg and Alexander Bliss, so that the same as altered will pass over lands of said Flagg and Bliss, or one of them and cross the rail road at the same place with said Factory road as prayed to be altered, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Stockings Tavern on Saturday the second day of June next, at 10 o'clock A.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order James W. Crooks Chairman

May 17. A. D. 1838

May 21. 1838. Copy of the above left with said Bliss and Flagg

By

Thomas Kingsbury

To the Selectmen of Springfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Springfield, in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from State Street to Chickopee Falls, called the Factory road; and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of the said way as follows, viz. to turn the same north westerly of the present path, upon lands of Asa Flagg, Alexander Bliss, William Crook and Amasa Parsons, all of said Springfield, so that the same as altered will pass over the rail road at right angles to the course thereof, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Stockings Tavern in Springfield on Saturday the 2<sup>d</sup> day of June next, at 10 o'clock. A.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard



upon the subject.

Per Order  
May 19. A. D. 1838.

James W. Crooks, Chairman

Copy left with William Dwight, May 21. 1838  
By Geo Bliff

To the Selectmen of Springfield in the County of Hampden

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail road in the town of Springfield, in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from the Factory road west of the farm house of Asa Hagg, towards Cabotville, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz. by turning the same at the southerly end thereof more easterly so as to cross the rail road at right angles thereto, at or near the line between the lands of Asa Hagg and Alexander Bliff of said Springfield, so that the same as altered will pass over lands of said Hagg and Bliff or of one of them, and cross the rail road at the same place with the said Factory road as prayed to be altered, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Stockings Tavern in Springfield on Saturday the second day of June next, at 10 o'clock, A. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order  
May 19. A. D. 1838.

James W. Crooks, Chairman.

Copy left with William Dwight, May 21. 1838  
By Geo Bliff.

To Asa Hagg, Alexander Bliff, William Cooly and Amasa Parsons all of Springfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail road in the town of Springfield in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from State Street to Chickopee Falls, called the Chickopee Factory road, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows; viz. to turn the same Northwesterly of the present path upon lands of Asa Hagg, Alexander Bliff, William Cooly, and Amasa Parsons, so that the same as altered will pass over the Rail Road, at right angles to the thereof and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Stockings Tavern in Springfield on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of June next at 10 o'clock A. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per order  
May 19. A. D. 1838.  
May 21. 1838.

James W. Crooks, Chairman

Copy of above left with said Bliff, Hagg, Cooly & Parsons.  
By Thomas Kingsbury.



and = which report being read and considered, is accepted.

Road from Boston Road to the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden. Respectfully represent, the subscribers, inhabitants of the town of Wilbraham, that the road leading from the Boston road through -home street to Wilbraham street to Somers line is circuitous and hilly; that in the opinion of your petitioners, the public convenience and necessity require alterations in said road; and also on alteration in the Boston road, between the houses of David L. Shields and Erastus Glaver. They therefore pray said Commissioners to view said roads as soon as may be and make such alterations as may be thought necessary. (Signed) Jesse P. Bliss & others  
Wilbraham, December 5. 1837.

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December last past, and by adjournment on the twenty eighth day of February last, at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Henry Cadwell in Wilbraham on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and corporations interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the alterations prayed for, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig, and Springfield Gazette, newspapers, printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, give the town clerk of Wilbraham with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks, Chairman  
And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners, held for said County on the second Tuesday of April, A. D. 1838. And pursuant to the foregoing order Caleb Rice, Sheriff of said County, makes his return as follows  
Hampden Co. Feb'y 27<sup>th</sup> 1838. I have served the Town Clerk of Wilbraham with an attested copy of the Petition aforesaid and order of notice therein by giving the same to him, and also posting up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said



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to Rice Sheriff

at which said last mentioned meeting, the County Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows. Hampden Co. March 30. 1838. The County Commissioners of said County having given Notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing Petition, in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County; and also having caused a copy of said Petition to be published in a Newspaper printed in said County, according to the provisions and requirements in the foregoing order of Notice, met at the time and place and for the purposes in said order of notice mentioned and proceeded to view the roads described in said Petition; and having viewed the said roads and heard all persons and Corporations interested in the premises who chose to be heard upon the subject matter of said Petition, and the view now had thereupon, said Commissioners adjudged, that in their opinion Common Convenience and necessity required that certain alterations should be made in said Boston road and specific repairs thereon, between the Dwelling house of Erastus Glover and David S. Shields; and also that certain alterations, improvements and specific repairs should be made in the main street in said Wilbraham, between the said Boston road and the line of the town of Somers - and so report accordingly. All which is submitted.

James W. Crooks & Seal }  
Gideon Stites & Seal } County  
Cyrus Knox & Seal } Commissioners

The aforesaid report being read and considered is <sup>accepted and the way</sup> adjudged of common convenience and necessity. At which last mentioned meeting it was ordered, that the said Commissioners, meet at the house of Pliny Goodell in Wilbraham on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said Petition, and after locating to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said Petition by publishing an abstract of said Petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Wilbraham with an attested copy of said Petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said Petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks, Chairman.

And this Petition was further continued to this meeting. And now at this meeting, the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows. Hampden Co. April 17. 1838. I served the Town Clerk of Wilbraham, with an attested copy of this Petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwellinghouse and also posted up



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in two public places in said town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition  
C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now, at this meeting the County Commissioners made their report in writing as follows. Hampden Co. May 17. 1838. The County Commissioners of said County, having given Notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also having caused an abstract of said petition to be published as the law requires, and as is required by the foregoing order, met at the time and place, and for the purpose in said order mentioned and proceeded to lay out and establish certain alterations, and to direct repairs in the roads described in said petition as follows to wit. Beginning at a stake near the N.E. corner of the late dwelling house of Samuel Chapin, deceased, and run N. 8° W. 64 rods 5 links to a stake on the west side of the road in front of Col. W. Cray's house: then begin on the opposite side of the road from last station at the S.W. corner of said Mr. Cray's piazza and run S. 2½° E. to a stake on the north line of Luther L. Stebbins' land, and thence on the same course 13 rods 20 links to a stake standing 3 rods from the West line, first above described on a right angle course - then began at a post standing 15 links from the N.W. corner of said Mr. Cray's barn & ran N. 3° W. 10 rods 17 links to the east line of the present travelled road; then began at a stake standing at the corner of the wall in front of Isham's house and run N. 1° E. 27 rods to a stake on the south line of Abner C. Burleigh's land; then on the same course 34 rods to the N.E. corner of said Burleigh's barn; - then N. ½° W. 15 rods to a stone wall; then N. 20° E. 28 rods to the old road; then began at a stake by the wall near Doct. Brewer's old barn and run N. 18½° E. 40 Rods 10 links, to a stake by the fence in front of Marshall Merrick's house; then began on land of the heirs of Henry Brewer, deceased, and run 1¾° E. 55 rods 11 links to a stake; then N. 20° E. 41 rods 15 links to the end of a wall; then N. 20° E. 40 rods to an Oak tree marked; then N. 14½° E. 12 rods 23 links to an Apple tree marked; then N. 2½° W. 32 rods 16 links - then N. 11½° E. 10 rods 15 links to the old road Northeastly of Abel Bliss' new house: (then began on land of Jos. A. Merrill, northeast of his house, at a stake, by the fence on the West side of the road, and run N. 31° E. 17 rods 18 links to an Elm; then N. 27¾° E. 18 rods 15 links; then N. 4½° E. 15½ rods to a large Maple; then N. 1¾° W. to a stake standing 21 links from S.E. corner of Levi Bliss' dwelling house; then began on the east side of the road on Collins land and run N. 12° E. 16 rods 8 links to a Cherry tree marked; then N. 23° E. 16 rods 17 links; then N. 29° E. 31½ rods; then N. 37° E. 8 rods to Boston road. In the first alteration above described, viz. between



said Chapin's house, and the stake standing 3 rods from the west line as run on the course bearing S. 2 1/2 E. said road is laid 3 rods wide, and the line run on the west side, commencing near said Chapin's house and terminating at a point north of Scantic brook and southeasterly of the house of Luther S. Stebbins. An alteration is also made by widening the road northerly from bot. McBray's barn, according to the foregoing minutes of the survey. Over the Thuring hill, so-called, the road is widened, and the land of Abner C. Burleigh, and a small piece of Sessions' land, lying between the old road, and the line above described in the survey, is taken and established as highway. In the alteration commencing near Doctor Brewer's old barn, the land lying between the line run and the old road is taken for highway, and the road widened accordingly. In the alteration commencing near the Wesleyan Academy, the road is laid 3 rods wide, and the line run on the East side thereof, terminating at the old road a little northeasterly of the new house of Abel Bliss. North of the house of Joseph A. Merrill, the road is laid three rods wide from the point of commencing the survey, to Levi Bliss' land, and from thence to Levi Bliss' house the road is widened, and a small strip of land taken from the west side. From Levi Bliss' house to Boston road the survey is made on the East side of the road, and in several places the road is widened, as set forth in the foregoing minutes of the survey. Specific repairs are required on Boston road near Shields, and near Little's on the Wilbraham road, as hereinafter particularly stated. In the construction of said roads, the following particulars are to be observed. The travel path is to be 20 feet wide except as is herein after particularly stated, exclusive of ditches, and to made properly crowning. All low and wet places are to be sufficiently raised and hardened, with proper materials, good and permanent bridges, sluices and water courses are to be made wherever necessary. A substantial and permanent bridge is to be built over Scantic brook, near McBray's, to be 14 feet wide, and sufficiently raised above highwater, with good railing for the safety of travellers. The road on the Thuring hill to be worked on the west or lower side of the location, and the hill is to be hauled down and reduced on the south side, and brought to an elevation in the grade not exceeding four degrees to the horizon. From McBray's to Chapin's house the entire road is to be worked anew, and well turnpiked; the low ground south of Scantic on Chapin's land to be raised by earth, from the knoll or higher ground. A good, substantial stone bridge is to be built over the brook or small run of water near Little's house and raised three feet higher than the present bridge, and earth or other suitable materials hauled in, that the elevation in the grade of the hill shall not exceed three degrees; and between Little's house and the school house the road is to be worked 18 feet wide, and the low ground well raised; the travel path over the Thuring hill and around the hill between Timothy Brewer's and Abel Bliss', may be 18 feet wide exclusive of good ditches; the road from Brewer's land to Abel Bliss' is to be worked in a thorough and substantial manner. All low and wet places to be properly raised, and bridges, sluices,



and watercourses to be built, wherever necessary; and along the side hill the road is to be worked as near the lower side of the location as may be practicable; the high ground near E. Otis's barn to be hauled down that the grade of the road from Abel Blip's house shall not exceed two degrees elevation; the road along the low ground between Joseph A. Merrill's and Levi Blip's house is to be raised, widened and straightened and worked in a substantial manner, and the road from said Levi Blip to Boston road is also to be worked in a proper manner. Boston road, a few rods east of Capt. Shields where an alteration was made a few years since, is to be thorough repaired and worked in a proper and substantial manner, by reducing the hills and raising the low ground, so that the grade of the hills on each side shall not exceed three degrees elevation. In all other respects said roads are to be made and worked in a good, substantial and permanent manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of September 1839. And after locating, we assessed and allowed damages as follows; for land taken for said road viz. To Ralph S. Chapin and Silas W. Chapin, twenty five Dollars. To Susannah Chapin five dollars. To Luther L. Stebbins and Emily A. Stebbins fifteen Dollars. To Lucina Stebbins, three dollars. To Atner C. Burlingh, ten Dollars. To Ebenezer R. Warner fifteen dollars. To Marshall Merrick twelve Dollars. To Lovisa Brewer, widow of Henry Brewer, deceased one Dollar, and to Henry and Mary Brewer, heirs of said deceased one dollar. To the Trustees of Wesleyan Academy, one dollar. To Timothy Brewer one hundred eighty one Dollars. To William Brewer, forty eight dollars. To David Hitchcock and Mercy Hitchcock his wife, twenty five dollars. To Erastus Otis, Sixty seven dollars, and to Abel Blip forty seven Dollars. No other person or corporation claimed damages for lands taken for said road: All which is submitted

James W. Crooks, & seal } County  
Gideon Stiles & seal } Commissioners  
Cyrus Knox & seal }

which report being read and considered, is accepted, and the way established as and for a public highway.

Alterations of a

road in

Springfield

from the old

school house

in Lower Chicopee

to the Skipponuck

Road near the

Bisbee lane

so-called.

To the Hon. Board of County Commissioners, for the County of Hampden, Dec. Term 1837.

The Humble shew, that the subscribers, inhabitants of Springfield in said County, that the public convenience in Lower Chicopee and necessity require, in their judgment, that the road to the Skipponuck leading from the old school house in Lower Chicopee to the Skipponuck road near the Bisbee lane in said Springfield (called the Hogpen Dingle road) or parts thereof should, be altered in the width and location thereof, the same being now unnecessarily wide and indefinite as to the width and boundaries. The subscribers therefore



may, that after due proceedings in the premises, your honors would cause such alterations to be made and established in said road as the public convenience may require; or lay and establish the same, for such parts thereof, as may be deemed expedient, as a County road; or discontinue such parts thereof as are not needed for the public travel. (Signed) Joseph Chapin & others.

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners held for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December last past, at which meeting it was ordered, that the said Commissioners meet at the house of Austin Chapin Jr. in Springfield on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road and alterations prayed for, and after locating to hear, at said place of meeting all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to Gideon Stiles Esq. one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. James W. Brooks, Chairman

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners, held for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, A.D. 1838. And pursuant to the foregoing order, the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows. "Hampden Co., March 6. 1838. I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted in two public places in said Town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition. C. Rice, Sheriff.

at which said last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows. "Hampden Co. April 9<sup>th</sup> 1838. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner set forth in the foregoing petition of the Sheriff of said County, and also by causing a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice to be published in a newspaper printed in said County, as is required and set forth in said order of notice. Gideon Stiles and Cyrus Knox, two of said Commissioners and Lucius Wright in the place of James W. Brooks, one of the County Commis-



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ioners, who is an inhabitant of Springfield, where said road is situate and therefore disqualified by law to act in the premises, met at the time and place mentioned in said order of notice & proceeded to view the road mentioned in said petition; and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested in said petition, who chose to be heard upon the subject matter thereof, said commissioners, adjudged that in their opinion, common convenience and necessity required that certain alterations should be made in said road between the school house mentioned in said petition, and the southwest line of land conveyed by Henry Chapin to Taylor and Belcher and others, near an old bar way, and so report accordingly. All which is submitted.

Gideon Stiles & Seal } County  
Cyrus Knox & Seal } Commissioners  
Lucius Wright & Seal. Special Comm.

The aforesaid report being read and considered, is accepted, and the way adjudged of common convenience and necessity. At which said meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Austin Chapin & in Springfield on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May next, at 2 O'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition, and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said county, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said county, or his deputy, serve the Town clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition, and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof with his doings to Gideon Stiles one of the said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks Chairman

And this petition was further continued to this term. and pursuant to the foregoing order the Sheriff of said county, makes his return as follows, "Hampden ss April 13. 1838. I have served the town clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice, Sheriff



at which said last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows. Hampden Co. May 15. 1852.  
The County Commissioners of said County, having notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by causing an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be published in a Newspaper printed in said County before the time of meeting, according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and as is set forth in the foregoing order, Gideon Stites and Cyrus Knox, two of said Commissioners, and Lucius Wright, a Special Commissioner, in the place of James W. Brooks, one of the County Commissioners who is an inhabitant of the town of Springfield, where said road is situate and by law disqualified to act in the premises, met at the time and place and for the purpose mentioned in the abstract aforesaid, so published, and according to the foregoing order, and proceeded to lay out and establish an alteration in said road and to discontinue a part of the same, according to the following metes, bounds, and descriptions, to wit. Beginning at a stone at the S. W. corner of said old road and the main street and run E.  $3\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  S. 40 rods to a stake; then E.  $6\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  S. 39 rods to a stake; then E.  $12\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  S. 19 rods 15 links to the West gate post in front of Ruel Vanhorn's house; then on same course 8 rods 19 links to a stake; then began on the opposite side of the road at a stake, and run W.  $15\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  N. 10 rods 20 links to a white pine tree; then W.  $13\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  N. 15 rods 20 links to a stake; then W.  $9\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  N. 20 rods to a stake; then W.  $6\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  N. 59 rods 15 links to a stake standing 16 links from the S. W. of Jos. Chapin's brick house, which is being built, said stake is on a course with said corner, bearing S.  $24^{\circ}$  E.; then from said stake, W.  $45\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  S. to the grape place road, so called. The north and South lines of the road were run out, and are hereby established according to the foregoing minutes and survey; and all that part of the old road lying northerly of the said north line is hereby discontinued as a public highway. And we have established said alteration and laid out the same as and for a public highway, within the limits aforesaid. Said road is to be properly worked and constructed, 18 feet wide for the travel path, and finished to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of November next. Said alterations are made upon and over land of Joseph Chapin, who was present, and relinquished all claims for damages; no other person or corporation was injured by said location. After locating the same, we heard all persons and corporations who chose to be heard upon the subject of damages, and no person or corporation appeared to claim damages. All which is submitted

Gideon Stites & Seal } County  
Cyrus Knox & Seal } Commissioners  
Lucius Wright & Seal } Special Com

Which report being read and considered, is accepted, and the way established as and for a public highway.



Petition  
of Inhabitants  
of Springfield  
for Road

To the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Springfield  
by their Selectmen, respectfully represent, that the County road called  
Main Street in said Town, from the house of Joseph Carver, to the  
from Carver's lower landing, ought to be laid out anew, for the purpose of establishing  
Lower Ferry the boundary lines thereof and of making such alterations in the course  
and width thereof, as shall be judged necessary and required by the  
public convenience. They therefore pray the Commissioners, after  
due notice, to locate said road anew as the law requires.

Signed

William Dwight

Samuel Reynolds

Lewis Gorham

Walter Warriner

Elihu Adams

Ephraim S. Howard

Selectmen

and

Agents of the

town of

Springfield

Springfield April 15<sup>th</sup> 1837.

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
Commissioners held for said County on the Second Tuesday  
of April A. D. 1837. at which meeting it was ordered, that said  
Commissioners meet at the Court house in said Springfield  
on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June next at 9 O'clock in the  
forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to  
the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all  
persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same  
shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity  
to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating, to  
hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations  
interested upon the subject of damages. Also, ordered, that  
notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said  
petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order  
thereon three weeks successively in the Republican and Journal  
and the Hampden Whig, two Newspapers printed in said County  
the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the  
time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the  
Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the town Clerk of  
Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this  
order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two  
public places in said town an abstract, containing the  
substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before  
the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will  
make return hereof, with his doings to Gideon Stiles Esq.  
one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said  
meeting.

James W. Crooks, Chairman

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the  
County Commissioners held for said County on the 29<sup>th</sup>  
day of June, A. D. 1837. And pursuant to the foregoing  
order, the Sheriff of said County makes his return as  
follows. Hampden Co. May 29, 1837. I served the Town  
Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition  
and order of notice, by giving the same to him: and



also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff

at which said last mentioned meeting, the County Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows. Hampden Co. June 24. 1837. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by causing a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice to be published in the Republican and Journal, and Hampden Whig, two Newspapers printed and published in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the time of meeting, Gideon Stiles and Cyrus Knox, two of said Commissioners, and Lucius Wright, a Special Commissioner in the place and stead of James W. Brooks, one of the County Commissioners, who was an inhabitant of the town of Springfield, where said road described in said petition is situate, and therefore disqualified to act on the subject matter of said petition, met at the time and place, and for the purpose in said order mentioned, thus constituting a Board, and proceeded to view the road aforesaid; and having viewed the same and heard all persons and corporations interested, who chose to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity required that the said road on State Street should be laid out anew and that certain alterations should be made therein, as in said Petition prayed for; and so report accordingly. All which is submitted.

Gideon Stiles I Seal } Comm. Comm?  
Cyrus Knox I Seal }  
Lucius Wright I Seal } Special Comm.

which Report being read and considered, is accepted and the way adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

And this petition was further continued to a meeting of the County Commissioners, held for said County on the second Tuesday of April A.D. 1838. At which last mentioned meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the Court house in Springfield on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May next at 9 O'clock in the fore noon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper, printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will



make return thereof, with his doings to Gideon Stiles one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

And this petition was further continued to this term. And pursuant to the foregoing order, the Sheriff of said County, makes his return as follows, Hampden Co. April 13. 1838. I have served the town of Springfield, with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

At which <sup>said</sup> last mentioned meeting, the County Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows.

Hampden Co. May 14. 1838. The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also having caused an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting to be published in a newspaper printed in said County, according to the foregoing order, and the provisions of law in that behalf. Gideon Stiles and Cyrus Knox, two of said Commissioners, and Lucius Wright a Special Commissioner, in the place of James W. Brooks, one of said County Commissioners, who is an inhabitant of the town of Springfield, and disqualified to act in the premises, met at the time and place in said abstract and order mentioned & proceeded to establish certain alterations, and also to the new laying of Main street in Springfield, as follows, viz Began at a stone on the west side of Main Street on a course bearing  $S. 51^{\circ} \frac{1}{4} W.$  from Capt Baran's door yard fence and ran  $S. 34^{\circ} \frac{1}{2} E.$  92 feet to the corner of a post, at the N.E. cor. of Tho's Bonds door yard fence.  $S. 26^{\circ} \frac{3}{4} E.$  413 feet, to the cor. of a post at the N.E. cor. of Jas. Byers land  $S. 32^{\circ} E.$  919  $\frac{1}{2}$  feet to the E. side of a large Button Ball tree in front of Mrs. Kingsburys Lyman House.  $S. 41^{\circ} \frac{1}{4} E.$  588  $\frac{1}{2}$  feet to a stone mon. at the N.E. cor. of Ferry street.  $S. 48^{\circ} \frac{1}{4} E.$  49 feet to the cor. of a post at the S.E. cor. of Ferry street.  $S. 46^{\circ} \frac{1}{2} E.$  427 feet to the S.E. cor. of Capt Emerys Garden.  $S. 47^{\circ} \frac{1}{2} E.$  535 feet 4 in to a stone.  $S. 49^{\circ} \frac{1}{2} E.$  212 ft. 8 in. to the southeasterly of Wm Pynchon's land; same course 347 ft. to a post at the N.E. cor. of Doct Beldens door yard fence.  $S. 51^{\circ} \frac{1}{4} E.$  243 ft. to Justin Lombards south great gate post.  $S. 54^{\circ} \frac{1}{4} E.$  326 ft. to the N.E. cor. post. of Mrs Pynchon's door yard.  $S. 53^{\circ} \frac{1}{2} E.$  211 ft. 4 in to a post in Roswell Lombards yard.  $S. 50^{\circ} E.$  174 ft. 2 in. to the S.E. cor. of Hor. Sargeants new part of the Tavern house.  $S. 48^{\circ} E.$  625 ft. 3 in to the N.E. cor. of the Bates Tavern House.  $S. 46^{\circ} E.$  219 ft. 9 in to an Elm tree on N. cor. of Bliss Street.  $S. 40^{\circ} E.$  109 ft. to the N.E. cor post of Doct Stones door yard.  $S. 40^{\circ} \frac{1}{4} E.$  618 ft 6 in to a stone in front of the old Blains Bliss house.  $S. 38^{\circ} E.$  326 ft. 6 in to S.E. cor post of P. F. Wilcoys door yard



S.  $30\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 137 ft. 6 in. to a stone near the N.E. cor. post of Suthin Bliss' door yard  
 S.  $27^{\circ}$  E. 290 ft. to the west side of a large Elm in front of Alexander Bliss' house  
 S.  $24^{\circ}$  E. 181 ft. 6 in. to the S.E. cor. of Alex. Bliss' home lot.  
 S.  $20\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 288 ft. 6 in. to a post at S.E. cor. of Gains Bliss' garden  
 S.  $13^{\circ}$  E. 79 ft. to S.E. cor. of Josh. Searings' door yard  
 S.  $8\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 446 ft. to N.E. cor. of Henry Bliss' shop. S.  $7\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 394 ft. to an  
 Elm tree. S.  $6\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 734 ft. to a Maple tree at S.E. cor. of Clark's door yard  
 S.  $4^{\circ}$  E. 135 ft. to the E. side of a large Elm at Capt. Bangs' door yard. S.  $1^{\circ}$  E.  
 131 ft. to the N.E. corner of the road to the Lower landing. S.  $2^{\circ}$  E. 91 ft. to a  
 Stone standing on a course N.  $67^{\circ}$  E. 30 ft. from the S.E. corner of Elisha  
 Bliss' house. S.  $60^{\circ}$  E. 113 ft. to a stone standing on a course bearing  
 N.  $84\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. from N.E. corner of Delotes Sammonds' shop. S.  $35\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 187 ft.  
 to N.E. corner of Geo. Colton's land, a few rods southerly of the road  
 leading to the lower landing, so-called. The courses and distances on  
 the East side of said Main Street, as run and established are as  
 follows, viz. Began at a stone by Capt. Carew's door yard fence, and  
 ran S.  $30\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 1321 ft. to a stone at the S.W. cor. of La. Brewer's lot  
 S.  $30\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 136 ft. 6 in. to a stone. S.  $39\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 585 ft. 6 in. to a stone. S.  $43^{\circ}$  E.  
 101 ft. to a stone. S.  $46\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 561 ft. 6 in. to the south side of a Buttonball Tree,  
 S.  $48^{\circ}$  E. 232 ft. the E. side of a large Elm at S.W. cor. of Emory firm  
 S.  $49^{\circ}$  E. 419 ft. 6 in. to a large Elm. S.  $50\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. through a large Elm to  
 the cor. of a Button ball Tree in the Elliot door yard 340 ft. S.  $51^{\circ}$  E. 266 ft.  
 to the E. side of a Button Ball tree in the Dwight lot. S.  $55^{\circ}$  E. 334 ft. to  
 N.E. cor. of Henry Brewer's land. S.  $51\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 196 feet to a stone at N.W.  
 cor. of Hor. Sargeants land. S.  $48\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 240 ft. to N.W. cor. post of J. Wells  
 door yard; same course 456 ft. to S.W. cor. of Dwight store, S.  $42^{\circ}$  E.  
 75 ft. to the N.W. cor. of Carew's building. S.  $38\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 232 ft. to a stone S.  $40\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E.  
 210 ft. to S.W. cor. of Tarnetts house. S.  $34^{\circ}$  E. 495 ft. to a stone on the N. side  
 of Union Street. S.  $40\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 254 ft. to S.E. cor. post of door yard fence  
 S.  $31\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 195 ft. S.  $26\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 470 ft. S.  $21\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 182 ft. 6 in. to the south side of  
 central street. S.  $15^{\circ}$  E. 173 ft. to a stone at the N.W. cor. of Josh. Searings  
 land. S.  $8\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 330 ft. to the N.W. cor. of Rich<sup>d</sup> Walkleys door yard. S.  $5\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E.  
 153 ft. to a Maple Tree in Henry Bliss' door yard. S.  $7\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 333 ft. to a Maple  
 Tree in Ralph Bliss' door yard. S.  $6\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 398 ft. to through a Buttonnut Tree  
 in Elliotts lot to the S.W. cor. of Theo Bliss' Lumber yard. S.  $12^{\circ}$  E. 68 ft. to S.E.  
 cor. of Fisher's door yard. And we accordingly established the same alterations  
 and new laying as a public Highway. And afterwards we heard all persons  
 and corporations interested therein, who chose to be heard upon the subject of  
 damages. No person or Corporation appearing to claim damages by reason  
 of such alterations and new laying, except Mrs Lydia Sargeant, we allowed  
 and assessed to the said Lydia Sargeant the sum of twenty five dollars.  
 And no other person or corporation being injured by said location we allowed  
 no damages except as above mentioned. In constructing the road  
 a side walk in front of Mrs. Sargeants house, the maple trees  
 there standing, are to be carefully preserved and protected from  
 injury. All which is submitted.

Gideon Stiles Dea. } County  
 Cyrus Knox Dea. } Commis<sup>r</sup>  
 Lucius Wright Dea. } Spec. Comm<sup>r</sup>

Which report being read and considered is accepted, and the way established  
 as and for a public highway.



Edward Taylor

Petition for Abate-  
ment of taxes

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
Complainant. Edward Taylor of Montgomery, in said County Esq  
That the highway tax of said Town was assessed on the second day of  
June last, and the other taxes (viz) County and town tax were assessed on  
the fourteenth day of July last; that on the thirty first day of October  
last, said Taylor, who was aggrieved by the said taxes, assessed  
upon his property in said Montgomery by the Assessors of said town  
applied to them for an abatement of the same, or some part thereof  
the said Taylor having before the assessment of said taxes having  
been sworn on oath by said Selectmen relative to the same  
said assessors on the twenty sixth day of December last past,  
refused to make any abatement upon the same. Wherefore  
the said Complainant prays your Honorable Board to hear his  
said Complaint, and such evidence as he may produce and  
if it shall appear to them that he is overrated, that then they  
shall make such abatement as shall to them seem reasonable

Dated at Westfield this twenty second day of January in the  
Year Eighteen hundred and thirty Eight

Wm. B. Batis. Attorney.

Edward Taylor

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners, holden for said County on the fourth  
Tuesday of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and thirty seven, and by adjournment on the  
twenty eighth day of February in the Year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, and continued  
to the meeting of the <sup>County</sup> Commissioners holden for said  
County on the second Tuesday of April in the Year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight.  
At which last meeting it was ordered that the petitioners  
cause notice to be given to the inhabitants of the town of Montgomery  
in said County, by serving the town clerk of said Montgomery  
and also any one of the present board of Assessors of said  
Montgomery, each with a true and attested copy of said  
petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least before  
the next meeting of said County Commissioners, to be holden  
at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the  
fourth Tuesday of June next; and that the County Commissioners  
require the assessors or Town Clerk to produce to the said County  
Commissioners at the last above mentioned meeting, the  
valuation by which the assessment is made, or a copy  
thereof for the Year one thousand eight hundred and thirty  
seven, that the inhabitants of said Montgomery may then  
and there appear and shew cause why the prayer of said  
petition should not be granted and the aforesaid Petition  
was further continued to this meeting and now in this meeting the  
parties appear and after a full hearing of the parties upon said  
Petition it is ordered by the County Commissioners that the taxes of said  
Edward Taylor be abated one Dollar and Eighty six Cents & that he recover  
his costs taxed at Nineteen Dollars & Seventy two cents.

As  
Petition of  
Edward Taylor  
for  
abatement  
of taxes



The votes for County Treasurers having been sorted and counted it

County

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Of Hampden Co. To Caleb Rice, Harvey Chapin, and Edward Parsons,  
Petition of all freeholders, within said County, and disinterested persons, Meeting  
S. Morley

Whereas at a meeting of the County Commissioners for the  
County of Hampden, holden at Springfield, within and for the  
County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the  
Year of our Lord One thousand and eight hundred and thirty  
seven and from day to day to the twenty ninth day of said  
month, and by adjournment on Wednesday the twenty eighth day  
of February, A. D. 1838. Sylvanus S. Morley preferred his petition  
representing that the road recently laid in Westfield, on the petition  
of Miriam Hull and others from Consign's Mill to the top of Little  
Brook Hill passed over the land of your petitioner, and that the  
damages for land aspeped and awarded to him, by your board  
is not, in his opinion, equal to the damages which he has  
sustained in consequence of the laying of the road, and pray-  
ing that he may have a jury to view the aforesaid premises  
and award him such damages as in their opinion he has  
sustained for land taken for the highway aforesaid: at which  
said meeting the said Sylvanus S. Morley appeared and agreed  
with the County Commissioners upon Caleb Rice, Harvey Chapin  
and Edward Parsons, as a Committee to estimate said dam-  
ages. It is thereupon ordered by the County Commissioners that  
you Caleb Rice, Harvey Chapin and Edward Parsons, be a  
Committee to view the premises; and you are to be under  
Oath, faithfully and impartially, to estimate the damages  
sustained by the said Morley; and you are to give due  
notice to the said Sylvanus S. Morley, and to James W. Brooks Esq.  
who is appointed by the County Commissioners, agent for the County  
of Hampden, to appear before said Committee on behalf of said  
County, of the time, and place of your meeting, to view the  
premises, and attend said service. And you are to make  
return of your doings herein, under your hands and seals  
to the Court of Common Pleas, which shall be holden for said  
County, next after you shall have completed your service.

By Order of the County Commissioners

John Ingersoll, Clerk

Hampden Co. April 18. 1838. Then personally appeared Caleb  
Rice, Harvey Chapin and Edward Parsons, and made  
Oath, that in estimating the damage sustained by said  
Morley, by reason of laying out the road aforesaid, they  
would act faithfully and impartially.

James W. Brooks Justice of the Peace

Hampden Co. April 18. 1838. The Subscribers, a Committee



To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
 appointed by the within order, having given notice to James W. Brooks Esq  
 the agent of the County, and to the petitioner, of the time and place of  
 meeting, and having met the parties this day at the house of Roswell  
 King in Westfield, and viewed the premises, and heard their several proofs  
 allegations and pleas, and duly considered the Subject, do award and  
 determine that said Morley recover of the County aforesaid, the sum of  
 twenty dollars damages, occasioned by reason of laying out the  
 highway aforesaid. All which is respectfully submitted

Caleb Rice & Seal

Harvey Chapin & Seal

Edward Parsons & Seal

The aforesaid Report was made to the Court of Common Pleas holden  
 on the third Monday of June, last past, and adjudicated upon by said  
 Court, and ordered to be transmitted to the County Commissioners

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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 Hampden Co. To the Sheriff of the County of Hampden or his  
 Deputy, Greeting To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> County Commissioners for  
 the County of Hampden in Session, on the last Tuesday of De-  
 cember, 1837. Merrick Cooley and Piny Cooley, both of Palmer  
 in said County, represent, that at the last regular meeting  
 of said Commissioners, a road was ordered by them to be laid  
 out over the land of the Subscribers on the Petition of Abner Allen &  
 others, and that the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars  
 was assessed to said Merrick, and the sum of One Hundred dollars  
 and ten dollars was assessed to said Piny, as damages occasioned  
 to them respectively by the laying out of said highway, these sums  
 being an inadequate compensation for the damages sustained  
 by them. they pray that a jury may be ordered and empan-  
 nelled to assess said damages By Chapman & Ashmun their attorneys

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
 Commissioners, holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday  
 of December, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
 and thirty seven, being the twenty sixth day of said month  
 and from day to day to the 29<sup>th</sup> day of said month, and by  
 adjournment on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February A. D. 1838, and also  
 by adjournment on the ninth day of April A. D. 1838, at  
 which adjourned term, holden on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February  
 A. D. 1838, it was ordered by the said Commissioners that the  
 Sheriff of the said County or his deputy should summon  
 a jury in manner prescribed by law, for the purposes men-  
 tioned in said petition. You are therefore required, in the  
 name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to summon  
 a jury of twelve men for the purposes aforesaid, by making application  
 in writing to the Selectmen of the three towns nearest to that in



The votes for County Treasurer having been sorted and counted it  
appears that the whole number of votes was Twenty Nine hundred and County  
Treasurer

which the land is situate, or where the damages are required to be  
assessed, if so many there be within the same County, and to decide all  
such matters as shall legally come before them on such hearing, to  
return a number of persons not less than two, nor more than six  
from any one Town, unless in case of necessity, to serve on the pan-  
nel; which jurors must be drawn, summoned and returned, as in  
other cases, excepting that the jurors need not be summoned more  
than twenty four hours before the time appointed for their attendance  
and if, by accident or challenge, there shall not be a full jury,  
you shall return some suitable person or persons to supply the  
deficiency, which said jury so summoned are to be under oath  
to make a true and faithful appraisement of said damages  
and shall hear and finally determine the complaint of the said  
Merrick and said Pliny. And when said jury shall have agreed  
on their verdict, they shall make out the same under their  
hands and seals, and return the same to the Court of Common  
Pleas, to be holden for said County on the third Monday of June  
next. You are also to give notice to all persons interested  
and also to James W. Brooks Esq. agent for the County, of the time  
and place, where the said jury shall hear and determine the said  
complaint; and you are to make return of your own travel  
and attendance, and that of each juror. Witness James W. Brooks  
Esq. at Springfield, this twentyfifth day of April A.D. 1838.

John Ingersoll, Clerk.

And now in this term the Sheriff made his return as follows:  
Hampden Sp. May 23<sup>d</sup>. 1838. Personally appeared Andrew W. Porter,  
Levi Bliss, John W. Bliss, David Burt, David H. Childs, Thomas  
Hubbard, Jun. Augustus Merrick, William N. Packard, Nathaniel  
Pease, Samuel B. Stebbins, Lyman Upham, and Augustus Wheeler,  
made oath that in estimating the damages done to Pliny Cooley  
and Merrick Cooley, by reason of laying out the highway mentioned  
in their petition, they would make a just and true appraise-  
ment of said damages, according to their best skill and  
judgment. Before me Galib Rice Sheriff.

Hampden Sp. Pursuant to this warrant, I made applica-  
tion to the Selectment of Springfield, Monson, and Wilbraham  
three towns in said County adjoining said Town of Palmer  
being disinterested towns, requiring them to draw from the  
jury box of their respective towns, as follows; to wit, from  
the jury box of Springfield the names of four good and law-  
ful men to serve on the jury herein ordered, and Augustus  
Wheeler, Lyman Upham, John W. Bliss, and Thomas Hubbard  
were accordingly drawn. From the jury box of Monson, the names  
of five good and lawful men to serve as aforesaid, and  
Augustus Merrick, Obed M. Ward, David H. Childs, Andrew  
W. Porter, and William N. Packard, were accordingly drawn.  
From the jury box of Wilbraham the names of four good



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To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
and lawful men, to serve as aforesaid, and Samuel B. Hutton, David  
Burt, Levi Bliss, and Nathaniel Pease, were accordingly drawn as  
jurors by the certificate of the Selectmen of said towns; and the  
jurors were duly summoned to appear before me, at the house of  
Abner Allen Jun<sup>r</sup> in Palmer on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of May 1838, at which  
time and place said jurors appeared, except Obed M. Ward, who  
was detained by sickness, and were empanelled and sworn. I  
notified the Petitioners and Jas. W. Brooks Esq. the agent of the  
County, when and where I should empanel said jury. Said  
jury, after having chosen a foreman by ballot, viewed the  
premises, and having heard the several parties, then withdrew  
allegations and pleas, and being by themselves they agreed  
upon and sealed up their verdict, which I herewith return  
into Court. May 23. 1838.

Caleb Rice, Sheriff.

On the petition of Pliny Cooley and Merrick Cooley, praying  
for an increase of damages occasioned by laying a highway  
over their lands, the jury empanelled for the purpose of estimating  
said damages, after viewing the road as located, and having  
the parties, and duly considering the subject, do find that said  
Pliny Cooley recover of the County of Hampden, the sum of  
One Hundred Twenty five dollars and            cents for his damages  
occasioned by reason of laying out the highway aforesaid. And  
that said Merrick Cooley recover of said County of Hampden  
the sum of Three Hundred and forty dollars and            cents for  
his damages occasioned by reason of laying out the highway aforesaid.  
Witness our hands and seals the 23<sup>d</sup> day of May 1838.

A. W. Porter Foreman L.S. Lyman Upham L.S. Thomas Hubbard Jr. L.S.  
David Burt L.S. Samuel B. Hutton L.S. John W. Bliss L.S.  
Nathaniel Pease L.S. David M. Childs L.S. Augustus Wheeler L.S.  
Levi Bliss L.S. William A. Packard L.S. Augustus Merrick L.S.

In the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Hampden June Term 1838.

The Subscribers represent, that on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of May last a  
jury, duly empanelled rendered a verdict for Pliny Cooley of  
\$125 and for Merrick Cooley of \$340. for damages occasioned by the  
laying out of a highway over their lands. Wherefore they pray  
that said verdict may be accepted and their costs in the  
premises, allowed them.

Pliny Cooley  
Merrick Cooley

By their attorneys            Chapman & Ashmun  
Hampden P. M. C. P. June Term 1838. Verdict accepted, and  
ordered to be transmitted to the County Commissioners  
Attest            John Ingersoll, Clerk.

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The votes for County Treasurer having been sorted and counted it appears that the whole number of votes was Twenty Nine hundred and seventeen necessary to a choice Fourteen Hundred & fifty Nine William Rice of Springfield had Fifteen Hundred & forty six and is declared by the County Commissioners as elected who appeared & gave bonds to the acceptance of the County Commissioners and was sworn to the faithful discharge of said duty.

County  
Treasurer

Ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow a sum of money not exceeding Four thousand dollars and give a note or notes therefor and to renew the same from time to time as may be deemed necessary to be reimbursed from the taxes to be collected the current year and also to renew any note or notes now outstanding against the County.

Treasurer  
Authorized

Abigail Collins is Licensed as an Innholder in Chester at Chester W Village.

Licenses  
Granted

Chauncy Gillett is licensed a retailer in the Town of Southwick at the store formerly occupied by Oliver Root near Almon Gillett dwellinghouse.

On the Petition of Eli Beach to be licensed as an Innholder & Retailer in the Town of Tolland - Ordered that the prayer of said Petition be granted as a License for an Innholder but not granted as a retailer.

On the petition of John S. Connelin to be licensed as a retailer of wine beer ale & other fermented liquors at his store in Ireland Parish in West Springfield - Ordered that the prayer of said petition be granted.

On the Petition of George M. Culcutt to be licensed at Chicopee Falls in Springfield - Ordered that the prayer of said petition be granted so far as to sell wine & fermented liquor but not to sell spirituous liquors.

The following accounts were presented, allowed and ordered to be paid out of the Treasury, viz. To Elisha Edwards

19.44

To Dennis Cook, hire for Jail 22.86 E. Barton work on Ct. House 3/2

Caleb Rice & H. Chopin for Work 7.30 C. Knox work 3 River Bridge 14.60

Amasa Parsons hire 17.62 J. A. Paine plank for do 52.39

J. Ingersoll do 35.10 P. & M. Cooley 17.4

J. W. Brooks do 24.83 G. Rice (Shuff) 47.75

Benson & Ruple for Sicks 4.50 Geo. Colton, Surveying &c. 13.50

Hampden Co. Sept 22<sup>d</sup> 1838 All matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest John Ingersoll Clerk.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 Hampden Co. A Meeting of The County Commissioners of the  
 County of Hampden begun & holden at Springfield within & for the  
 County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of October being the  
 second day of said month in the year of our Lord one  
 thousand eight hundred & thirty eight & from day to day to the  
 fourth day of said month and by Adjournment on the third  
 Monday of November being the nineteenth day and from  
 day to day to the twenty fourth day of said month

By James W. Crooks Esq. Chairman.  
 Gideon Stiles Esq. } County Com.  
 John Ward Esq. }

Old Road  
 in Mt. G. leading  
 from Oliver  
 Moor's to the  
 Crow Bridge  
 so called down  
 the Mountain  
 Discontinued

To the County Commissioners of The County of Hampden  
 Respectfully Represent the Subscribers Selectmen of The Town  
 of Montgomery that the old road leading from Oliver Moor's by  
 David Crow's down the Mountain to the Crow Bridge so called  
 is out of repair and that it is not needed for the benefit of the  
 public - they therefore pray said Commissioners to view  
 said road as soon as is convenient and discontinue the  
 same or such part as may be thought just & proper.

Montgomery April 9<sup>th</sup> 1838

Oren Pothus

Ransom Clarks } Selectmen of  
 Nathan Hutchinson } Montgomery

The foresaid Petition was entered at a Meeting of The County  
 Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of  
 April last past and was continued to The Meeting of said  
 Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June last past at  
 which last meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners  
 meet at the house of Oren Pothus in Montgomery on Thursday the  
 twentieth day of September next at ten o'clock in the forenoon for  
 the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said  
 petition and after viewing the or all persons and corporations  
 interested therein and if the same shall be adjudged to be not of  
 common convenience & necessity to proceed to discontinue the same  
 as prayed for and to hear at said place of meeting all persons &  
 corporations interested upon the subject of damages -  
 Also ordered that notice be given to all persons & Corporations interested  
 in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this  
 order thereon three weeks successively in The Hampden Whig a  
 Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen  
 days at least before the time of said meeting and it is further  
 ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town  
 Clerk of Montgomery with an Attested copy of said petition and this  
 order thereon thirty days at least and put up in two public places  
 in said Town on a board containing the substance of said petition  
 fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting The Sheriff or  
 his Deputy will on due return hereof with his doings to the



Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said  
Meeting James M. Crooks Chairman -

And this petition was continued to this meeting - And the Sheriff of  
said County in pursuance of the foregoing order made the following  
return - Hampshire Aug. 10. 1830 I served the Town Clerk of Mont-  
gomery with an attested copy of said petition & order of notice thereon  
by leaving the same at his dwellinghouse and also posted up in  
two public places in said Town an abstract containing the  
substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the  
time of said Meeting E. Rice Sheriff

And now at this meeting The County Commissioners make  
this report in writing as follows -

Hampshire September 20. 1830 The County Commissioners  
of said County having given notice to all persons & Corporations  
interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing  
return of the Sheriff of said County and also by publishing in  
a newspaper printed in said County a copy of said petition  
together with the foregoing order of notice as is required in said order  
met at the time place & for the purpose in said order mentioned  
and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition -  
And after viewing the same & hearing all persons & corporations  
interested therein who chose to be heard upon the subject matter  
of said petition said Commissioners adjudged that in their opinion  
Common Convenience & necessity require that the old road leading  
from near the house of Oliver Moore in Montgomery by the house of  
David Crow to the foot of the Mountain where it intersects the new  
road located by the County Commissioners on the petition of the  
Selectmen of said Town near the Crow Bridge so called ought  
to be discontinued as a public highway and the same is hereby  
discontinued accordingly - No person or Corporation claimed  
damages by reason of said discontinuance and no damages  
were assessed or allowed - all which is submitted

James M. Crooks & Seal  
Egbert Knox & Seal  
Eldon Hely & Seal

which report being read & considered is accepted

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners for the County of Hampshire Alterations  
The undersigned Inhabitants of the Town of Springfield in said County of a Road in  
County Respectfully represent the County road leading from Springfield leading from  
to South Hadley through Cabotville near the Bridge & opposite the Springfield  
dwellinghouse of Jesse Dillibar is very crooked and narrow and South Hadley  
with little expense can be straightened and made of suitable through Cabot  
width - We the subscribers request your honorable body to view ville near  
and make such alterations as may be thought necessary and in bridge  
duty bound will ever pray - Springfield April 9. 1830

Joseph Pease & others

The aforesaid petition was entered in the Meeting of the County  
Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April



last part of which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Marvin Chopin at Cobolville in Springfield on Wednesday the <sup>Six</sup> tenth day of May next at Eleven O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing, to hear all persons & corporations interested therein and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for and after locating to hear at said place of meeting all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig, a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to Gideon Stiles one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James M. Crooks Chairman

and this petition was continued to the Meeting of said County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June last past - and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the above order made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. April 13<sup>th</sup> 1830 I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

at which said last mentioned meeting the County Com.<sup>rs</sup> made the Report in writing as follows -

Hampden Co. May 16<sup>th</sup> 1830 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County - And also having caused a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of notice to be published in a newspaper printed in said County according to the provisions of law in that behalf and as set forth in said order of notice - Gideon Stiles & Cyrus Shap two of said Commissioners and Lucius Wright a Special Commissioner in the place of James M. Crooks one of the County Commissioners who is an inhabitant of the Town of Springfield where the road prayed for is situate and by law disqualified to act in the premises met at the time & place & for the purpose in said order mentioned and proceeded to view said road in said petition described and having viewed the premises and afterwards having heard all persons & corporations interested therein who chose to be heard



Said Commissioners adjudged that in their opinion common convenience and necessity required that certain alterations, improvements & specific repairs should be made in said road between the bridge at Cabotville and the house of Giles S. Chapin and <sup>so</sup> report accordingly all which is submitted

Gideon Stiles Sec<sup>y</sup> of Com.  
Cyrus Innes & Seal<sup>y</sup> Com.  
Lucius Wright & Seal Special Com.

Which Report being read & considered is accepted and the attention adjudged of common convenience & necessity — at which meeting holden on the fourth Tuesday of June last past it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Marvin Chapin in Springfield on Wednesday the eighth day of August next at Nine O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and after locating to hear all persons and corporations interested on the subject of damages — Also that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting — And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said Petition and this Order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting — The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to Gideon Stiles one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks Chairman  
and this petition was further continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County pursuant to the foregoing order makes the following return — "Hampden Co. July 7<sup>th</sup> 1830 I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition and Order of notice thereon by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition  
G. Rice Sheriff —

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their return as follows — "Hampden Co. August 8<sup>th</sup> 1830 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also having published an abstract of said petition in a newspaper published in said County according to the foregoing order and as is required therein met at the time & place and for the purpose mentioned in said order. Lucius Wright a special Commissioner was summoned & attended in the place of James W. Crooks who is an Inhabitant of the Town where said road is situated and therefore disqualified by law to act in the matter of said petition — And the board thus constituted proceeded to direct establish and specify certain repairs in said road as follows; to wit — The travel path between the Blacksmiths



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Shop of Joseph Chapin opposite the house of Jesse Dillaber and a soft maple tree opposite the Southwest corner of Christopher M. Pease's dwelling house is to be turned more to the west and the road is to be so worked and repaired that the west line thereof shall commence at the Southeast corner of said Blacksmith shop and run Southwesterly about four rods to an Elm tree marked on the west side of the road by the ravine or dingle standing about four rods S. W. of said Dillaber's house - then nearly on the same course across the ravine or dingle about two rods to a black birch marked then bearing a little South run about 2 rods to a soft maple marked - then same course about four rods to a maple marked being the first above mentioned opposite Pease's house & the road is to be thoroughly worked and repaired and made safe and convenient for travel - A good permanent & substantial wharfing is to be built on the west side of the road across the ravine or dingle opposite Dillaber house and the road is then to be properly raised and surfaced - good railing is to be placed whenever necessary along the bank - In all respects said road is to be constructed in a good substantial & workmanlike manner and to the satisfaction of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of June next - all which is submitted

Gideon Stiles & Co. County

Cyrus Knox & Co. } Comrs

Lucius Wright & Co. Special Comrs

which report being read & considered is accepted and the alterations established as for a County road -

Road in Springfield  
from the North  
End of Chasnut  
Street to the  
Morgan Road  
so called

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire  
The Subscribers respectfully represent that public convenience and necessity require that Chasnut Street in the village of Springfield running Northwesterly from State Street should be laid out as a County road and that a highway should be laid out from the North end of Chasnut Street running Northwesterly to the Morgan Road so called  
Wherefore they pray that after due proceedings your board will lay out and establish said highway from State Street to said Morgan road  
Springfield April 10<sup>th</sup> 1830

Charles W. Chapin & others

The above said petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April last past at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on Monday the fourteenth day of May next at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing hear all persons & corporations interested therein - and if the same shall be adjudged of common convenience & necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for and after locating to hear at said place of meeting all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order therein three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper



printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting the Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to Gideon Stiles one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

James M. Crookes Chairman

And this Petition was returned to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June last past and the Sheriff of said County pursuant to the foregoing order made his return as follows "Hampden Co April 13<sup>th</sup> 1830 I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of the petition of said order of Notice thereon by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

E Rice Sheriff

and at the above mentioned meeting the County Commissioners made the following report "Hampden Co May 14<sup>th</sup> 1830 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing Petition in the manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also by causing a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of Notice to be published in a Newspaper printed in said County according to the provisions of law in that behalf and as set forth in said Order of Notice - Gideon Stiles & Cyrus Knox two of said Commissioners and Lucius Wright a Special Commissioner in the place of James M. Crookes one of the County Commissioners who is an Inhabitant of the Town of Springfield where the road prayed for is situated and by law disqualified to act in the premises met at the time & place and for the purpose in said order mentioned and proceeded to view the route for a road set forth in said petition - And having viewed the premises and heard all persons & corporations interested therein who chose to be heard after said view said Commissioners adjudged that in their opinion Common convenience & necessity required that the prayer of said petition be granted and that a new road be laid out & established as set forth in said petition And so report accordingly all which is submitted -

Gideon Stiles & Seal of County

Cyrus Knox & Seal of Com<sup>rs</sup>

Lucius Wright & Seal Special Com<sup>r</sup>

Which report being read & considered is accepted and the way adjudged of Common Convenience & Necessity - And the last abovementioned meeting held on the fourth Tuesday of June it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on Tuesday the seventh day of August next at Nine O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and after locating to hear all persons and Corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also that



notice be given to all persons & Corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and notice of the time & place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampshire Whig a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to Gideon Stiles one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks Chairman

and this petition was further continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County makes his return ~~there~~ in pursuance of said order as follows "Hampden ss July 7<sup>th</sup> 1830 I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition & order of notice thereon by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition. — C. Rice Sheriff

and now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their report as follows "Hampden ss August 7<sup>th</sup> 1830 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and having further given notice by publishing an abstract of said petition according to the requirements and provisions of the foregoing order met at the time & place for the purposes mentioned in said order.

One of said Commissioners (vid) James W. Crooks being an Inhabitant of Springfield whose said road is situated did not act upon said petition. And Lucius Wright a Special Commissioner was summoned, appeared & acted in the place of said Crooks and the board thus constituted proceeded to lay out & establish a highway as follows (vid) Beginning at the S. W. corner of George Bliss' house lot at the south end of Chesnut Street and run thence on the East side of said street N. 46° W. 13 rods 17 links then N. 41° W. 39 rods, 6 links then N. 32° W. 37 rods 10 links to land of C. W. Chapin and George Atkinson — then N. 35° 50' W. 42 rods to a stake standing 14 links south of the south line of the Emery farm so called and thus far the line is run on the East side of the road then commence running on the West side of the road at an Elm tree standing 3 rods West of the last station and on the south line of the Emery farm and run N. 34° 15' W. 105 rods to the North line of the Emery farm then N. 26° W. 26 rods to a Walnut tree marked on the line between land of George & Walter Stebbins. then N. 27° 45' W. 14 rods 17 links to a stake on the line of land of Walter Stebbins & Thomas Bond then N. 31° W. 24 rods to the Morgan road so called at the N. E. corner of said Bonds land. — said road is laid three rods wide. After locating said road we heard all persons & corporations upon the subject of damages who chose to be heard in the premises.



and assessed & allowed damages (viz) To James Brewer Eleven Dollars To William Pyncheon Fifty Dollars To Widow Susan Pyncheon Nineteen Dollars To The heirs of William Pyncheon a reversionary interest in land now occupied by Widow Susan Pyncheon and in which she has a life estate Ten Dollars George Stebbins Fifteen Dollars Walter Stebbins Seventeen Dollars Thomas Baird Thirty One Dollars Daniel C. Brewer Forty five Dollars Martin Brewer Nineteen Dollars - And no other person or Corporation was injured by the location of said road - and all owners of lands over which the road is located expressly relinquished damages & all claims thereto except the persons above named to whom damages have been assessed as above stated - In the construction of said road the following particulars are to be observed - The travelled path is to be 20 feet wide exclusive of the ditches - All low and wet places are to be properly raised & hardened with suitable materials to make a good road, good and substantial bridges sluices and water courses are to be constructed of suitable materials wherever necessary for the safety & convenience of travel & durability of the road - all hills & knolls are to be properly leveled down & reduced and all sandy places hardened - That section of the road over the low ground on <sup>the Pyncheon lot, and</sup> Ashmun & Chapin lot, and the South part of the Emory farm is to be sufficiently raised and brought to a proper grade with the road North & South of it - The abutments and covering of the bridge over Garden Brook are to be built of stone and all other bridges & sluices that shall be covered with earth are also to be built of stone - In all other respects said road is to be constructed in a good substantial & workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of June next until the first day of January next is allowed to the owners of land to remove timber, trees & other obstructions from the land over which the road is located - All which is submitted

Gideon Stiles & Seal of County  
Cyrus Knox & Seal of County  
Lucius Wright & Seal Special Comr.

Which report being read & considered is accepted ~~it is accepted~~  
and the way established as for a public Highway -

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire - Road in  
The subscribers Inhabitants of Blandford in said County would Blandford  
respectfully represent that in consequence of the alterations made looking from  
in the road leading from near The Center Schoolhouse in said near the center  
Town to the west part of the Town near the house of Reuben Boise Schoolhouse in  
Esq. The most part of the old County road between these points has said Town &  
become unnecessary for travel they would therefore pray that such The west part of  
parts of said road as may be deemed proper be discontinued - The Town near  
Blandford May 26<sup>th</sup> 1830 - Eliott Osborn & others The House of  
The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County Reuben Boise  
Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of Esq. discon-  
June last past at which meeting it was ordered that said - tinued  
Commissioners meet at the house of Samuel S. Day in Blandford  
on Friday the twenty first day of September next at ten O'clock in the



forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition - and after viewing to hear all persons & corporations interested therein and if the same shall be adjudged to be not of common convenience and necessity to proceed to discontinue the road as prayed for and to hear at said place of meeting all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages - Also ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy leave the Town Clerk of Blanford with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before <sup>the</sup> time of said meeting.

James M. Crooks Chairman

And this petition was continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County pursuant to the foregoing order made his return as follows -  
Hampden, August 16<sup>th</sup> 1830 I served the Town Clerk of Blanford with an attested copy of said petition & order of Notice thereon by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting - E. Rice Sheriff -  
And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make this Report as follows -  
Hampden, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 1830 The County Commissioners of said County having given Notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also by publishing a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of Notice in a newspaper printed in said County as is required in said order met at the time & place & for the purpose mentioned in said order of Notice and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition - and after viewing the same and hearing all persons and corporations interested therein who chose to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition said Commissioners adjudged that in their opinion the prayer of said petition ought to be granted and that common convenience & necessity required that certain parts of the Old road described in said petition between the center Schoolhouse in said Blanford and the house of Reuben Boise Esq. should be discontinued as a public highway, & wit, all parts of said Old road from which the public travel has been diverted in consequence of certain alterations and new locations made & established by the County Commissioners on the Petition of Simon Blair and others and such part of said Old road from which the public travel has been diverted by reason of said alterations & new locations are hereby discontinued as public highway and so report accordingly all which is submitted

James M. Crooks & Seal of County

Egbert Shook & Seal of Com.<sup>rs</sup>

which report being read & considered is accepted



James W. Crooks, Gideon Stiles and John Ward Esqrs who have been declared by the Examiners duly Elected County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Appear on this 2<sup>d</sup> day of October 1830 and are qualified before Samuel Lathrop & John Ingersoll Dodimus Justices and said Commissioners being so qualified proceeded to the choice of a Chairman of said board and the whole number of votes & the whole number of votes for chairman was three James W. Crooks Esqr. had two and was duly chosen

Attest John Ingersoll Clk. Special County Comm<sup>rs</sup>  
Lucius Wright Esqr. Special County Commissioner was sworn by the above Justices

John Gould Esqr. Special County Commissioner was sworn before Samuel Lathrop & John Ingersoll Dodimus Justices Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1830

William White Pet<sup>r</sup> to be a Retailer of Wine at his Store in Longmeadow near the Meetinghouse prayer of Petition granted to sell wine but not to sell rum, brandy or other spirituous liquors  
Jonas Parmenter of Chester is Licensed as an Innholder to sell wine but not licensed to sell rum, brandy or other spirituous liquors

Joseph M. Morrison is Licensed as an Innholder in East Longmeadow at the house lately occupied by Lyman Lathrop as a Tavern, but not to sell rum, brandy or any other spirituous liquors till first of April next

The following Accounts against the County were prepared to and Allowed by the County Commissioners at the above meeting Allowed and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury - (vidl)

Annasa Parsons - Getting up wood taking care of House at the Com<sup>rs</sup> Court and Examination of Wills & other matters & sweeping C<sup>t</sup> House & C<sup>t</sup> House and taking care of C<sup>t</sup> House \$30.25

James Chapin - wood for Court House 19.07 1/2

James M. Crooks - fee as Agent for the County on Pet. of Inhabit of Drimfield & Holland and before jury on Pet. of Elias Todd et al 26.60

Galeb Rice - Service of Com<sup>rs</sup> orders 11.95

Carlo Smith - Setting Glass at Court House & J. Millards Office 1.00

Orange Chapin - Surveying roads 2.00

Lewis Briggs - Printing Blanks for Probate Office 2.25

George W. Gallender - Repairing & Lettering Record Books 14.00

John Ingersoll - Cost. Business & for Venues, Subpoena & Recording 19.00

William A. Foster - Dieting Prisoners, Key fees &c 410.07

Benjamin Freeborn - Work at the Aqueduct at Fair 81.75 adj<sup>d</sup> Meeting

James M. Crooks - Attending Repairs of County Buildings &c 9.00

Annasa Parsons - Taking care Court House C. C. P. & Com<sup>rs</sup> Meeting &c 15.50

Charles W. Rice - Writing Deeds for Register Office 4.00

Moore & Sanderson - Jug & Tumbler .36

G. & G. Merriam - Letter sheet & card box, Postnet &c 4.04

Josiah Witt - Repairing County Bridge near 3 rivers in Polm 41.33

James Stetson - Attendance upon jury on P. & M. Crooks Pet. 6.00

Samuel Edwards - work at Aqueduct 5.50

John Ingersoll - Cost. and Entry of Pet. &c 5.34



Copy of Road  
furnished Selectmen  
or Town Clerk

Ordered that in all cases where a Road shall be located altered or discon-  
tinued or where Improvements or specific repairs shall be required  
in any road, reasonable Notice shall be given to the Town where  
such road is situated by causing a copy of the survey, adjudication  
and order for constructing said road to be served upon the same one  
of the Selectmen or Clerks of such Town

Committee to  
Superintend the  
Repairs of the County  
Bridges in Palmer

Ordered that John Ward Esq. be a Committee to Superintend  
the repairs of the County Bridges in Palmer

Committee to  
Settle with  
County Treasurer

Ordered by the County Commissioners that James M. Crooks  
and George Cotton Esq. be a Committee to Settle with County  
Treasurer

Selectmen  
of  
Blandford  
Petition  
further

Hampden Co. Nov. 24 1898 This meeting is adjourned without  
day

Attest John Ingersoll Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden begun and holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December, being the Twenty fifth day of said Month in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, and from day to day to the twenty eighth day of said Month, and by adjournment on the third Monday of February A.D. 1839.

By James W. Brooks Esq. Chairman  
Gideon Stiles Esq. }  
John Ward Esq. } County Commissioners

Selectmen of Blandford. To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden. The undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Blandford would respectfully represent, that said Town by a Petition for Committee have made a contract for the Road to be made further along which has been laid between Blandford and Otis, upon the petition of Linus Blair and others at one dollar and fifty cents per rod. The amount required to make the road will be nearly one thousand dollars; the sum of two hundred dollars allowed by the County, will probably not pay one fourth part of the expense of making said road. We would further represent, that the Town pay annually about two thousand dollars for the support of roads, and bridges in said Town, which we believe to be much more than the average expense of other towns in the County for those purposes, in proportion to wealth and population. The Town in addition have sustained a loss in two of their largest bridges the past winter, which will cost nearly two hundred dollars. We would therefore pray that your Honors would increase the allowance to said Town, to the amount of one half of the expense of making said road, besides damages paid therefor. Lester E. Gibbs }  
David Parks } Selectmen of Blandford May 15. 1837.

Hampden ss. County Commissioners, Meeting, December 1838. And now the County Commissioners of said County, acting as well upon the foregoing petition, as upon the original petition of Linus Blair and others, on which last mentioned petition said road was located, and at this meeting, reestimating the expenses of constructing said road, do now estimate the whole expense of constructing said road, at the sum of Nine hundred dollars. And we do now allow to the said town of Blandford the further sum of One hundred Dollars, towards the making and constructing said road. And the same is to be paid out of the County Treasury, to the town of Blandford, on the Order of said Commissioners.

All which is submitted

James W. Brooks }  
Gideon Stiles } County Commissioners  
John Ward }



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211.  
Selectmen of Chester  
Allowance  
to the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of  
Hampden. The undersigned Selectmen and agents of the town of  
Chester in said County, would represent, to your honorable body that  
in the month of March last, the Bridge at Falley's X Roads in said  
town, was rendered impassable by the rise of water; a considerable  
part thereof being swept away; we would also represent to your  
Honors, that by a Resolve of the Legislature passed in the Year 1821  
the County Commissioners for the time being were authorized and  
directed to add to their other estimates for County expenses, such  
sum or sums as they might judge necessary and expedient towards  
rebuilding and repairing said bridge, when occasion required. We  
therefore humbly pray that your Honors would take the above  
into consideration, and view the premises, and estimate the  
expense of rebuilding said Bridge, or adopt such other course  
with regard thereto, and such allowance make towards rebuilding  
said Bridge as you may judge meet and proper. And as in  
duty bound will ever pray.

William Shepard }  
Samuel Bell } Selectmen  
Isaac Stevens } Chester.

Chester June, 1837.

Hampden Co. County Commissioners, Meeting December Term 1838  
And now at this meeting, the County Commissioners, acting  
upon the foregoing petition of the Selectmen of the town of  
Chester, and according to the provisions of the resolve of the  
Legislature of this Commonwealth, passed in the Year 1821,  
said Commissioners, having estimated the expense of con-  
structing said Bridge, at the sum of five hundred twenty  
nine Dollars, and sixty one cents; and it appearing to them  
that said sum has been actually expended by the town of  
Chester, in the construction of the said Bridge, have allowed  
to said town the sum of Two hundred and fifty Dollars  
in part payment and reimbursement of said expense  
so incurred. And it is now ordered, that the said  
sum of Two hundred and fifty Dollars be paid out  
of the County Treasury to the town of Chester, by virtue  
of the aforesaid resolve of the Legislature.

All which is submitted.

James W. Brooks }  
Gideon Stiles } County Commrs  
John Ward }

John I. Cook  
Petition  
Road in  
Chester  
Leading from  
South part of  
Falley's X road  
to Middlefield  
on Middlefield  
of Westfield River  
to the Commissioners of Roads for the County of Hampden  
We the subscribers inhabitants of the town of Chester in  
the County aforesaid, do respectfully represent, that the  
County Road, leading from Falley's X Roads in the  
South part of said Chester, on the middle branch of the  
Falley's X road Westfield River to Middlefield line, is very crooked, narrow,  
to Middlefield and otherwise in bad repair; and that public convenience  
on Middlefield Road requires that said road be straightened widened and  
of Westfield River otherwise repaired. We therefore pray that your Honorable  
board may view said road for the purpose of making



a new location where necessary; ordering it widened and otherwise repaired and do such other acts in your capacity as in your judgment the public convenience may require

Chester June 2, 1837.

Signed: John Cook and others.

The aforesaid petition was entered at the Meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the Fourth Tuesday of June, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Jonas Forrester in Chester on Tuesday the thirty first day of October next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessary, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also Ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig and the Republican and Journal newspapers printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W Brooks, Chairman

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, and the <sup>deputy</sup> Sheriff, pursuant to the foregoing order, makes his return as follows. "Hampden Sp. Sep. 9, 1837. I served the Town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon by giving the same to him, and also, posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract of this petition

Martin Phelps Jun. Dep. Shff

At which said last mentioned meeting, the County Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows. "Hampden Sp. October 31, 1837. The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of a deputy Sheriff of said County, and also by causing a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the time place and purpose of the meeting to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig and the Republican and Journal two newspapers printed in said County, the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days previous to the



said time of meeting in conformity with said order of notice, met at the time and place therein <sup>mentioned</sup> and proceeded to view the road mentioned and described in said petition, and after viewing the same and hearing all persons and corporations interested therein who chose to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, said Commissioners adjudged that in their opinion common convenience and necessity required that certain alterations improvements and specific repairs should be made in said road between the North and South lines of the town of Chester and so report accordingly. All which is submitted

James W. Brooks & Seal } County  
Gideon Stites & Seal } Commissioners  
Cyrus Knox & Seal }

which report being read and considered, is accepted, and the alteration adjudged of common convenience and necessity. <sup>The petition</sup> was further continuing to the meeting, holden on the first Tuesday of October at which said last meeting, it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Jonas Parmenter in Chester, on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Chester, with an attested copy of said petition and this order therein thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks, Chairman

And this petition was continued to this term. And the Deputy Sheriff, pursuant to the foregoing Order, makes his return as follows. "Hampden Sp. Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1838. I served the Town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

Martin Phelps, Jr. Deputy Sheriff

And now at this meeting, the County Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows. "Hampden Sp. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1838. The County Commissioners of said County having given notice, to all persons and corporations



interested in the foregoing Petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return  
of a Deputy Sheriff of said County, and also having caused an abstract  
of said petition containing the substance thereof, and also the foregoing  
order to locate to be published in a Newspaper printed in said County,  
as is set forth and required in said order, and at the time, place and for  
the purpose in said order mentioned and proceeded to locate and  
establish certain alterations in said road and to direct certain im-  
provements and specific repairs therein, as follows, to wit:  
Said road is to be thoroughly repaired and worked from the line of  
the town of Middlefield to the line of the town of Norwich: all large  
rocks and stones that incommode the public travel and render it  
unsafe, are to be dug out and removed. The travel path is to be  
made fifteen feet wide, except in some places, when it may  
be impracticable by reason of ledges, or other insurmountable  
difficulties and impediments. Good sluices, ditches and water-  
courses, are to be made in all places where necessary that the  
water may be turned from the travel path. The Bridges are to be  
built anew or thoroughly repaired, and made of sufficient  
width for the safety and convenience of the traveller. All fences  
now within the limits of the highway, are to be removed from  
the same. The road near Deacon Elder's house is to be worked as  
near the west line, as may be practicable, from the foot of the  
hill south of said house, to a point about ten rods north of  
the same. Steep and hard hills are to be hauled down as far  
as may be practicable, and all low and wet places are to be  
properly raised and filled up. In several places, the travel path  
is to be altered and changed from its present location, by constructing  
it higher the bank of the River, and passing around hills that are  
now steep and difficult in ascending. The Commissioners are  
of Opinion that the public travel would be greatly accommodated  
by working the road as near the river as may be practicable, at  
or near the following places, to wit: by Gibson's hill, so called, by  
the hill near the School house, a few rods north of Capt. Ryles'  
bridge; by the hill a little north of Nelson's dam; the hill between  
Silvestus Belden's and Dr. Moore's houses and the hill or ledge  
a little south of the Wharfield bridge. The Commissioners direct  
that the road by the hill north of Capt. Ryles, be worked as near  
the river as may be practicable, and the travel path made in width  
as before directed. The alterations by the hills last before mentioned  
would be of great benefit to the public; but the Commissioners do  
not require the same to be made at this time, if, after estimating  
the expense thereof, the town should deem it inadvisable. In all  
other respects said road is to be constructed in a workmanlike  
and substantial manner, and to the acceptance of the County  
Commissioners on or before the first day of September next.  
All which is submitted.

James W. Brooks Seal } County  
Gideon Stiles Seal } Commissioners  
John Ward Seal }

which Report being read and considered is  
accepted and the alterations established as a public high way



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Joseph M. Forward To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
 Petition The subscribers, a Committee of the town of Southwick, in said  
 for alteration County, represent, that the highway which has recently been located  
 of Road in said town, commencing on the highway leading from Suffield  
 to Southwick, near the South west corner of Asa Warner's land  
 thence running westward to the Canal Bridge thence to the  
 Bridge across Two mile Brook, and from thence to the road  
 leading from the Mill corner to Elisha Parker's, is not located  
 in the most convenient place; that the public convenience and  
 necessity require that the road as located be discontinued, and  
 that a Road be located from near the house now occupied by Beebe  
 Smith to the Canal Bridge, and from thence to the said road  
 leading from Suffield to Southwick, at some more convenient  
 place than the present location; and they therefore ask that the  
 said Commissioners will, as soon as may be proceed to view  
 and make said alterations. Signed Joseph M. Forward and Others.

Southwick June 19. 1838.

The aforesaid petition was entered at the Meeting of the County  
 Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year  
 of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, at  
 which meeting it was Ordered that said Commissioners meet  
 at the house of Geo Beebe in Southwick on Wednesday the  
 19<sup>th</sup> day of September next at 10 O'clock in the forenoon, for  
 the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer  
 of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and  
 corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be  
 adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to  
 proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating,  
 to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations  
 interested upon the subject of damages. Also Ordered,  
 that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested  
 in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition  
 and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hamp-  
 den Whig, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last  
 publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said  
 meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said  
 County, or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Southwick  
 with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon  
 thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in  
 said town an abstract, containing the substance of said  
 petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said  
 meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof,  
 with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at  
 or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks, Chairman

And this petition was continued to this meeting  
 And the Sheriff, pursuant to the foregoing Order makes  
 his return, as follows: "Hampden Co. Aug 17. 1838.  
 I served the Town Clerk of Southwick, with an attested

Thomas G.  
 Petition  
 for Sur.







navigable Canal, with locks, tow paths, basins, wharves, dams  
 embankments, toll houses, and other necessary appendages, com-  
 mencing at Connecticut River in Northampton, in the County of  
 Hampshire, and thence passing through the towns of East Hampton  
 and Southampton, in the County of Hampshire; and Westfield  
 and Southwick in the County of Hampden in such course or  
 courses, as might be deemed most convenient for said Com-  
 pany, to the boundary line between Massachusetts and Con-  
 necticut, and the said Company in and by said Act were  
 empowered to employ and use as reservoirs or feeders for  
 the purpose of supplying with water, said Canal or such  
 works, as might have any portion of their water diverted  
 from them to supply said Canal, the different ponds, rivers  
 and streams of water near or over which the said Canal  
 might pass; and also to have the flood and other waters of  
 the ponds, rivers and streams so used as aforesaid, and to  
 construct artificial reservoirs for the purposes aforesaid. And  
 to connect with said Canal by feeders, or by navigable Canals  
 any or all of said ponds, Rivers, Streams and reservoirs And in  
 and by said Act it was, among other things provided that all  
 damages which might be occasioned to any person or persons  
 by any of said Canals, Reservoirs or Feeders, or in the Construction  
 thereof, should be satisfied by said Corporation in manner therein  
 provided, viz that whenever said Corporation should have located  
 said Canal, or any part thereof, or the feeders, or branches or  
 any of them, or any new reservoir or branches which  
 should be made in aid of said Canal, three Commissioners  
 should be appointed by the Court of Sessions for said County  
 of Hampshire, to estimate all damages which any person or  
 persons, Corporation or Corporation would sustain, by the  
 opening of such Canal, or any of its branches, through his,  
 her, or their land, or by the construction of any reservoir,  
 embankments, tow paths or basins, or by the diversion of  
 any of the ponds, rivers and streams before mentioned, over  
 and above the benefit and advantages which said Commissioners  
 should adjudge might accrue to such person or persons, Cor-  
 poration or Corporations from opening said Canal. And it was,  
 in and by said Act further provided, that if any vacancy  
 should happen in said board of Commissioners, the vacancies  
 should be filled by said Court of Sessions. And it was  
 further provided in and by said Act, that if the said Cor-  
 poration or any person or persons interested, should be dissatisfied  
 with the estimate of damages made by said Commissioners  
 application might be made, by such dissatisfied party to the  
 Court of Sessions within and for the County in which the  
 damage complained of should have been sustained  
 at the term thereof next after the return and acceptance  
 and recording of the report of said Commissioners of their  
 estimate of damages by the Court of Sessions for said



County of Hampshire, and after the publication of said report in one or more of the Newspapers printed in Springfield in said County of Hampshire and in one Newspaper printed in said Northampton, three weeks successively for a day to hear and finally determine upon the amount of damages to be applied in the case complained of. And your petitioner further shows that after said Canal was located a new reservoir was made in aid of said Canal in said town of Southwick for the purpose (as is alleged by said Company) of supplying the Southwick Summit of said Canal that your petitioner was and is the owner of the following tracts of land situate in said Southwick and described in the report of location of said reservoir as follows, viz. One tract "bounded North by land of Roger Moor and Samuel Kniffin. East by land of Holcomb and Kniffin. South by the State line, and West by land of Roger Moor." containing twenty acres; and one other tract "bounded North by the Salmon Brook. Feeder. East by Roger Moor's land and South by the State line, and West by land of Parley Cooley" containing twelve acres; and the following tract of land not specifically described in said report, described as follows, viz. bounded North on land of Roger Moore, East on Gathrop Moore; South on Parley Cooley, and West on Reuben Dibbles heirs, and Abner Gillet, containing eight acres; and that by the construction of said reservoir, the said tracts of land have been and will be greatly damaged, and rendered of little or no value; that the Commissioners appointed, as directed in said act by said Court of Sessions and vacancies being filled in their board by the County Commissioners of said County of Hampshire who have by law succeeded to the rights, powers, and duties of said Court; by request of your petitioner, and said company have viewed the premises and heard, on the thirty first day of October last, and by adjournment from day to day to the fourth day of November last, your petitioner and the said Canal Company and their respective pleas, proofs, and allegations, and have estimated the damages that your petitioner will sustain and has sustained by the making of said reservoir, at the sum of One hundred and Ninety Six dollars, and made report of their estimate of damages at a meeting of the County Commissioners for said County of Hampshire begun and held at Northampton, within and for said County of Hampshire on the first Tuesday of December now last past, which said report was ordered by said County Commissioners to be, and was accepted, allowed and recorded. And it was further ordered by said County Commissioners, that said report, or the substance thereof should be published in one or more of the Newspapers printed in said Northampton, and one Newspaper printed in said Springfield, which said publication of the substance of said report was made according to and pursuant to the order of said County Commissioners in the month of January then succeeding, and now last past, with which said estimate of damages, so made by said Canal Commissioners your petitioner is dissatisfied. Your petitioner further shows, that the present is the term (or meeting) of the County Commissioners



next after the return, acceptance, and publication of the report  
aforesaid; that the County Commissioners have, by law succeeded to the  
rights, powers and duties of the Court of Sessions in this behalf  
Your Petitioner therefore prays for a Jury to hear and finally  
determine upon the amount of damages to be assessed to him in  
the case above complained of. Dated at said Springfield  
this ninth day of April, in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred  
and thirty eight  
Thomas Spring

N. J. Leonard, Attorney.

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners  
holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the Year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, and con-  
tinued to this term. And now in this term, this Petition  
is dismissed.

### Accounts

The following accounts against the County were preferred to  
allowed and allowed by the County Commissioners at the above meeting  
and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury (viz)

John Ward, as Agent for County at Three Rivers Bridge	\$7.00
James W. Brooks, " at Repairing Jail & materials found	10.00
Caleb Rice Surveying Commissioners Order & distrib. Proc	16.03
" " " on Committee Petition of Springfield	18.50
Isiah Taylor Advertising Petitions &c	13.50
Samuel Bowles do do "	37.34
D. F. Ashley do do "	51.49
John Frink as Committee petition of Springfield	13.60
Calvin Stettins do do do	15.20
Zadock Dyman Labor at Jail	7.67
Gordin Williston putting up Stoves & for pipe at Jail	3.37
Amasa Parsons attendg Court & Sawing Wood &c	13.75
John Ingersoll, Cert. Treas. Acc. Menus &c.	5.59
Raynolds & Morris funds for Jail	31.28
Dr. W. B. Baker Salary for medical attendance at Jail 1838	10.00
Buckland & Hawley for Spit boxes for Court House	4.20
James W. Hale funds for Jail	19.20
Hampton Brewery 337 ft Plank, County House & Aqueduct	4.72
Geo. Colton Surveying 10 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> Sep. 5.50 Ex. County Treas. acc <sup>t</sup> Dec 31 5.00	10.50
Ja <sup>s</sup> W. Brooks 5 days attendg repairs to Jail, last	15.00
Cash paid for ladder 6.25 - 1 board for Court House 33	6.58
3 days (makg) Estimates 1839. & Exam <sup>r</sup> County Treas. 2/1839	9.00
	315.8



5.  
To the County Commissioners for the County of Harnden.

*the*  
*and*  
Petition The Petition of the undersigned respectfully represent, that since the opening of the town way from the Brookfield road near Ebenezer Fairbanks in Brimfield to Daniel Holmes, in Brimfield, there has been an increased anxiety on the part of the Public that the said town way should be continued from said Holmes to the Common in Brimfield, and the whole established as a highway. The public advantages to be derived from opening and establishing are a great saving of distance on the principal route from this and the towns westerly and southerly to Boston, over land capable of making firm and smooth road, with but ~~scarcely~~ little variation from a direct line; and without any steep hills. Your petitioners therefore pray your honorable board to lay out and establish a highway from Brownings Hotel, in Brimfield to the town way near Daniel Holmes, and thence over said town way to the Brookfield road near Ebenezer Fairbanks. Your petitioners further represent, that in case your honorable board decline to lay out said highway, that the convenience of the inhabitants of Brimfield requires the town way from said Fairbanks to Holmes, to be continued in a more direct line from said Holmes to said Brownings Hotel; that the town way now used is very steep and circuitous; difficult and somewhat dangerous to travel in summer, and generally so obstructed with snow in winter, as to be impassable; that a petition has been presented to the Selectmen of Brimfield on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March, to lay out the town way now prayed for, and that said Selectmen refused, on the ground that a highway, rather than a town way was required on said route. Your petitioners further represent, that upon opening the highway, or town way now prayed for, a great part of the town way now travelled between said Holmes and Brownings Hotel, may be discontinued or converted into a private way for the use of individuals, who may wish to go from their home lots to Pastures and Woodland. Your petitioners therefore pray your honorable board to lay out a new town way from Brownings Hotel to the new town way near Daniel Holmes and to discontinue so much of the town way now travelled between said Holmes and said Brownings, as shall appear to be necessary for the use and benefit of the town of Brimfield, and as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed) Samuel Tarbell, & others

Brimfield April 16 1838.

The aforesaid petition was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June last, at which meeting it was Ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of J. D. Browning in Brimfield on Tuesday the 23<sup>d</sup> day of October next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity,



to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the sheriff of said County or his deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks Chairman  
And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff, pursuant to the foregoing order makes his return as follows "Hampden Co. Sep. 13, 1838. I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of Notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition  
C. Rice Sheriff"

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows "Hampden Co. October 23<sup>d</sup> 1838 The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing Petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also having caused to be published in a Newspaper printed in said County, a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice, as is required by said order of notice and set forth in the same, met at the time and place and for the purpose in said order mentioned and proceeded to view the several roads and routes for roads set forth in said petition; and after viewing the same and hearing all persons and corporations interested in said petition, who chose to be heard upon the subject matter of the same, said Commissioners are of opinion, that common convenience and necessity do not require that the roads and parts of roads mentioned and described in said Petition should be laid out, and made, nor that the prayer of said petition should be granted. And so report accordingly.

Attest which is submitted.

James W. Crooks } County Commissioner  
Gideon Stiles }  
John Ward }

Which Report being read & considered is accepted.



In Conformity to a Resolve of the General Court passed on the third day of April A.D. 1839 Granting a tax of Nine Thousand Dollars for the County of Hampden the same is apportioned upon the several Towns in said County in manner following - (viz)

Blandford	\$461.00
Brimfield	520.96
Chester	327.70
Granville	402.52
Holland	121.27
Ludlow	304.46
Longmeadow	407.60
Montgomery	129.01
Monson	634.74
Palmer	350.91
Russell	116.11
Southwick	363.02
Springfield	2045.10
Tolland	103.21
West Springfield	1037.20
Westfield	779.24
Wales	172.00
Wilbraham	503.15
	<u>\$ 9000.00</u>

And warrants have issued dated April 6<sup>th</sup> 1839 directed to the Selectmen or Assessors of the several Towns in the County directing them to assess the same upon the Inhabitants of their respective Towns and requiring their respective Collectors or Constables to collect the same and pay the same to William Rice Esq. County Treasurer or his successor or order by the fifteenth day of September next ensuing as the Law directs -

Hampden Co. Feb<sup>y</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1839 Adjourned without day  
attest John Ingersoll Clerk



April 1839

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden begun and holden for the County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April, being the ninth day of said month, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, and from day to day to the twelfth day of said month by adjournment, on Tuesday the fourteenth day of May 1839,

By James W. Crooks Esq. Chairman  
Gideon Slites Esq }  
John Ward Esq } Commissioners

Jos. S. Stebbins

Petition

To the Hon the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden. The undersigned inhabitants of said County respectfully represent, that the present travelled road from the house of Roswell King in Westfield to Springfield Bridge is hilly and circuitous and in many parts thereof encumbered with sand and stone. That an alteration of a portion of the present road and the location of a new road nearer to the Agawam river than the present travelled road is required by the common convenience and necessity. Your Petitioners therefore pray Your Honorable body to proceed to view and locate the same, and establish the same as a public highway. As in duty bound will ever pray,

November 7. 1835

Joseph S. Stebbins and others

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six, and continued from Term to term to this term. And now in this Term this Petition is dismissed.

R. S. Chapin

Petition

for Acorns

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, Dec 1838.

The undersigned inhabitants of the Town of Wilbraham in the County aforesaid, respectfully represent that in locating the road recently laid out by the Board of Commissioners leading from the Boston road through the town of Wilbraham to Somers line, on the petition of J. P. Bliss and others, said road runs across the land of your Petitioners from the Scantic Bridge on the north side of the dwelling house of your of your Petitioners, from north to south, subjecting to remove about 43 rods of Stone wall, and taking from the farm about Sixty seven rods of land



That in assessing the damages the Board of Commissioners  
assessed to them thirty dollars, which said Petitioners believe  
is not a just proportion of their real damages or to what  
is assessed to others. Said Petitioners therefore  
pray that the board of Commissioners would review  
their proceedings in relation to the assessment of damages  
and reassess the said damages: and as in duty bound  
will pray.

Ralph S. Chapin

Silas W. Chapin by Ralph S. Chapin

This Petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
Commissioners, holden for said County on the second  
Tuesday of April 1839. and continued to the meeting  
of the Commissioners held by adjournment on the 18<sup>th</sup>  
day of May 1839.

And now at this meeting, the County Com=  
missioners of said County, acting as well on the  
foregoing Petition, as on the Petition of Jesse P.  
Bliss and others; and considering the whole matter  
of said petitions and the locating report on the  
petition of said Bliss, and reviewing their proceedings  
in the assessment of damages, do for as relates to the  
foregoing Petition, do assess and allow to the said  
Ralph S. Chapin and Silas W. Chapin, the further  
sum of ten Dollars, in addition to the sum of  
Twenty five Dollars heretofore allowed therein  
All which is submitted

James W. Brooks } County,  
Gideon Stites } Commissioners  
John Ward }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted.  
Licenses Granted for 1839.

George Beebe is licensed as an Innholder in the Geo Beebe  
Town of Southwick in the house now occupied by  
him. Not authorised to sell Brandy, rum, or any  
other spirituous liquors - no excise

Enoch Doane is licensed as an Innholder in Doane  
the Town of Southwick, in the house he now occupies  
but not to sell brandy, rum, or any other spirituous liquors

Isaac Stevens is licensed as an Innholder, Stevens  
in the Town of Chester, or the place where Albert G  
Herry, lately kept at Chester Factory; but not to sell  
rum, brandy or any other spirituous liquors



Colkins

Enos Colkins is licensed as an Innholder in the town of Palmer at Three Rivers Hotel to sell Wine, Ale, Beer, Cider and all other fermented liquors and not to sell Brandy, Rum, or any other Spiritous liquors.

Collins

Michael Collins is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Chester, Village so called; but not to sell Brandy, Rum, or any other Spiritous liquors.

Fuller

Jurusha Fuller is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Sudlow, or the House now occupied by her to sell Wine and fermented liquors; but not to sell brandy, rum or any other Spiritous liquors.

Parmenter

Jonas Parmenter is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Chester, in the House he now occupies by him at Chester North Village, so called, but not to sell Brandy, Rum, or any other Spiritous liquors.

White

William White is licensed as a retailer of Wine at his Store in Longmeadow near the meeting House.

Colton

Dimond Colton is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Longmeadow, near the meeting House, in said Town but not to sell Brandy, Rum or any other Spiritous liquors.

Warner

Jeremy Warner is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Springfield at the corner of Main & State street but not to sell Brandy, Rum or any other spiritous liquors.

Bonney

Frester Bonney is licensed as an Innholder at the Springfield Hotel on Main Street in Springfield; but not to sell Brandy, Rum, or any other Spiritous liquors.

Sargeant

Horatio Sargeant, is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Springfield, at the corner of Main & Court Street; but not to sell Brandy, Rum, or any other spiritous liquors.

Marsh

Apollas Marsh is licensed as an Innholder at the Worthington House on Water Street in Springfield; but not to sell Brandy, Rum or any other Spiritous liquors.

Moseley

Edward F. Moseley is licensed as an Innholder at the Columbian Coffee House, on the Hill, in Springfield; but not to sell Brandy, Rum, or any other Spiritous liquors.



Stephen Pendleton is licensed as an Innholder at Pendleton  
Williamsett, near Bernis' Store; but not to sell Brandy,  
Rum or any other spiritous liquors in the town of Springfield

Ezekiel Adams, is licensed as an Innholder in Adams  
the Town of Springfield at the House now occupied by him at  
Chicopee Falls; but not to sell Brandy, Rum, or any other  
spiritous liquors.

Austin Chapin<sup>2</sup> is licensed as an Innholder in Chapin<sup>2</sup>  
Springfield, at his House in Lower Chicopee, without authority  
to sell Brandy, Rum or any other spiritous liquors.

Horace Cutler & Co. are licensed as ~~as~~ Retailers of Wine in Cutler & Co  
Springfield at the Brick Store of Theodore Bluff, near Bluff Mills,  
without authority to sell Brandy, rum, or any other spiritous  
liquors.

William Bryant is licensed as a retailer of Wine Bryant  
in the town of Springfield, at his Store on Main Street, opposite  
Court Square without authority to sell brandy, rum or any other  
spiritous liquors.

Henry Stocking is licensed as an Innholder at Stocking  
the Corner of State and Walnut Streets in Springfield without  
authority to sell brandy, rum, or any other spiritous liquor.

Sheldon Webster is licensed as ~~as~~ Common Victualler Webster  
at the Store of Philo Wilcox on Main Street, to sell Beer, Cider  
and Ale, without authority to sell brandy, rum or any other  
spiritous liquors.

John Rogers is licensed as an Innholder in the Rogers  
Town of Westfield, at the House he now occupies on the north  
Side of Great River; without authority to sell brandy, rum  
or any other spiritous liquors.

Russell Hawley is licensed as an Innholder in Hawley  
in the Town of Russell at the house occupied by him, without  
authority to sell brandy, rum, or any other spiritous liquors.

Ashley Hayden is licensed as an Innholder, Hayden  
in the Town of Sudlow, to sell Wine and fermented  
liquors; without authority to sell brandy, rum, or any  
other spiritous liquors.

Abner Allen, Jr. is licensed as an Innholder Allen Jr  
in the town of Palmer, in the center of Palmer to sell wine  
and fermented liquors; but without authority to sell brandy, rum  
or any other spiritous liquors.



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Taylor

Micajah Taylor is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Westfield, at the house now occupied by him in West Part of said town; without authority to sell brandy, rum or any other spiritous liquors.

Parsons

J. M. Parsons is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Westfield, at the house he now occupies, without authority to sell brandy, rum, or any other spiritous liquors.

Arnold

Elijah Arnold is licensed as a Retailer of Wine in the Town of Westfield, at his Store near the Bank; without authority to sell Brandy, rum, or any other spiritous liquors.

King

Roswell King is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Westfield, at his house near Morley's Bridge so called, without authority to sell brandy, rum or any other spiritous liquors.

Gillet & Co

Chauncey Gillet & Co. are licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Southwick, at the house now occupied by Johnson Brace; without authority to sell brandy, rum, or any other spiritous liquors.

Upson

Sturges Upson is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Westfield, without authority to sell brandy, rum or any other spiritous liquors.

Chapman

Lewis Chapman is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Westfield, without authority to sell brandy, rum, or any other spiritous liquors.

Forster & Co

J. M. Foster & Co. are licensed as retailers of Wines in the Town of Springfield, at the Upper Water Shops without authority to sell brandy, rum or any other spiritous liquors.

Gunn

Elisha Gunn is licensed as a retailer of Wines in the Town of Springfield, at the Corner of State and Walnut Streets; without authority to sell brandy, rum, or any other spiritous liquors.

Bangs

Jonathan Bangs is licensed as a retailer of Wines at his store in Hubbard's buildings, on the hill in Springfield; without authority to sell brandy, rum or any other spiritous.



Elisha D. Stocking is licensed as a retailer of Wine at Stocking his store on the Hill in Springfield; without authority to sell brandy, rum or any other spiritous liquors.

Elias Champion is licensed as a Common Victualler Champion in the cellar, under the Town Hall in Springfield, to sell ale, Cider and Beer without authority to sell brandy, rum or any other spiritous liquors.

Henry Collins is licensed as a Common Victualler Collins at his cellar in Curtis & Bowdoin's store on the Hill in Springfield to sell ale, beer and Cider; without authority to sell brandy, rum, or any other spiritous liquors.

Ezra Hubbard is licensed as a retailer of Wines Hubbard in the Town of Westfield in the Brick building on the East Side of the Green, next door but one South of the Post Office; without authority to sell brandy, rum, or any other spiritous liquors.

Thomas Loomis is licensed as an Innholder at Loomis his house in the West Part of the Town of Westfield, without authority to sell brandy, rum or any other spiritous liquors.

John Clark is licensed as an Innholder and seller, Clark of Wine and beer and Cider in the Town of West Springfield at the stand lately occupied by J. O. Mosely; without authority to sell brandy, rum or any other spiritous liquors.

Amos Norcross is licensed as an Innholder and Norcross seller of Wine and fermented liquor at his Dwelling House in the Town of Monson; without authority to sell brandy, rum or any other spiritous liquors.

Theodore Bartlett is licensed as an Innholder Bartlett in the Town of West Springfield, at the house now occupied by him; to sell Wine, beer and Cider; without authority to sell brandy, rum, or any other spiritous liquors.

Joseph M. Morrison is licensed as an Innholder Morrison in the East Part of Longmeadow near the meeting House of the B<sup>d</sup> religious Society in said Town; without authority to sell brandy, rum or any other spiritous liquors.

Albert G. Henry is licensed as an Innholder in Henry the Town of Chester at the house lately occupied by John Quincy without authority to sell brandy, rum, or any other spiritous liquors.



Emelius Bond petitions to be licensed as a retailer of Wines in the town of Palmer in the State now occupied. Prayer of petitioner granted; without authority to sell brandy, rum or any other Spiritous liquors

Norcross

Albert Norcross is licensed as an Apothecary to be retailer of Spiritous liquors to be used in the arts and for medicinal purposes only, at the Store in the Town of Monson he now occupies to sell goods.

Order

Ordered: That the County Treasurer be authorized to borrow a sum of money not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars for the Current expenses of the County, and to give a Note or Notes therefor; and to renew the same from time to time, as may be deemed necessary to be reimbursed from the taxes to be collected the Current Year. And also to renew any Note or Notes now outstanding against the County.

Brewers

Henry & James Brewer are licensed as apothecaries, to be retailers of Spiritous liquors, to be used in the arts, and for medicinal purposes only, at their Store on main street in Springfield - also to sell wines -

Edwards

Elisha Edwards is licensed as an apothecary to be a retailer of Spiritous liquors to be used in the arts and for medicinal purposes only - also to sell Wines, at his Store on main street.

Upham &amp; Ingraham

Upham & Ingraham are licensed as apothecaries to be retailers of Spiritous liquors, to be used in the arts and for medicinal purposes only. Also to sell Wines at their Store at the Corner of Walnut and State street in Springfield

Bryant

David M. Bryant is licensed as an apothecary to be a retailer of Spiritous liquors, to be used in the arts and for medicinal purposes only, also to sell Wines at his Store at Chicopee Falls in Springfield

Dennison

Doct. George W. Dennison is licensed as an Apothecary, to be a retailer of Spiritous liquors to be used in the arts and for medicinal purposes only - also to sell Wines at his druggist shop in Church Street in Northville in Springfield

Collins

Daniel Collins Jr is licensed as an apothecary to be a retailer of Spiritous liquors to be used in the arts and for medicinal purposes only - also, to sell Wines, at



Chester Village at the store now occupied by him

John Sedgwick is licensed as an Innholder in Sedgwick the Town of Palmer at the house occupied by him to sell Wine and Beer and without authority to sell brandy rum or any other spiritous liquors.

Otis Lane is licensed as an Apothecary in the Lane Town of Brimfield in a store located on the South East corner of the Common in said Town to sell spiritous liquors for medicinal purposes, and for the arts

John Smith is licensed in the Town of Wales Smith as an Apothecary and retailer of spiritous liquors for medicinal purposes and for the arts only

Titus Dewey is licensed as a retailer of Wine Dewey in the Town of West Springfield at the stand now occupied by him in Feeding Hills Parish

Pelatah Glover is licensed as a Common Glover Victualler, to sell wine, beer and Cider in the Town of Milbraham at the stand known by the name of the Glover place

Cornelius Miller is licensed as an Innholder Miller in the Town of Wales at his Dwelling house, near the Baptist meeting House in said Wales, without authority to sell brandy rum, or any other spiritous liquors.

John W. Browning is licensed as an Browning Innholder in the Town of Brimfield at the house where he now resides, to sell wine and fermented liquors, without authority to sell brandy, rum or other spiritous liquors

Elisha Kinney is licensed as an Innholder Kinney in the Town of Holland at his dwelling House a few rods west of the meeting house, to sell Wine, without authority to sell brandy rum or any other spiritous liquors

Chester Crafts is licensed as an Innholder Crafts in the Town of West Springfield at the stand he now occupies in Ireland Parish to sell Wine, beer and Cider without authority to sell brandy, rum, or any other spiritous liquors



Shearer

Perlin Shearer is licensed as a Retailer of rum, brandy and Gin, for medicinal purposes and to be used in the arts only in the Town of Milbraham at his Store in Milbraham

Chapin

Ethan S. Chapin is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Springfield at Cabbotville near the bridge without authority to sell rum, brandy or other spiritous liquors

Fuller

Elisha A. Fuller is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Springfield at the five mile house (Disnick) without authority to sell rum, brandy or other spiritous liquors

Baker

Francis G. Baker is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Springfield, at the Bisbee place near Chispee Falls Village without authority to sell rum, brandy or any other spiritous liquors

Stearns &amp; Parsons

Stearns & Parsons are licensed as Retailers in the Town of Springfield at their Store in Main Street opposite Court Square, to sell Wines

Clapp &amp; Co

Clapp & Smith are licensed as Common Victuallers in the Town of Springfield in the Cellar next west of the Springfield Bank, to sell ale, beer and Cider; without authority to sell rum, brandy or other spiritous liquors

Day

Samuel S. Day is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Blandford at the house called the Blandford Coffee house; without authority to sell rum, brandy, or other spiritous liquors.

Phelps

Charles Phelps is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Granville, in the house he now occupies; without authority to sell rum, brandy or other spiritous liquors.

Court Square

Ordered, by the County Commissioners that William Dwight, William Rice and James W. Crooks be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to take charge of the interest of the County of Hampden in Court Square, so called.

Court Square

Oliver B. Morris Esq and Mr Daniel Bontecou two of the Committee heretofore appointed to take charge of the Court Square on behalf of the County having resigned and their resignation is



accepted by the County Commissioners, and the  
above Committee is appointed.

The following accounts against the County  
were preferred to and allowed by the County Com-  
missioners at their above meeting, and ordered to be  
paid out of the County Treasury (viz)

Moses Daggett for Work on Jail	\$24.75
James Wells " Paper	25.50
Zadoc Dymen " Work on Jail	8.55
Geo W. Hallender. Books, alphabets &c	31.88
William Rice " Making annual account	5.00
" " David C. Willistons at Jail	5.62
Benjamin Rathbone " Sails & Tubs " do	10.00
Jeremy Warriner " Refreshments for Jurors	1.50
Warding Goodell " Watching at Jail	33.50
Amasa Parsons " Work at Nord, for Dr. C. How	30.63
John Ingersoll " Various services for County (per bill)	33.03
C. Rice " Paying Gary watching Jail &c &c	68.32
James W. Brooks " Service at Jail and Lord	10.50
John Grennell adjoins Lem May fixing Blinds &c	6.3
Philip Willcox " Store, Pipe, Zinc &c	47.30
Amasa Carson " attending Court &c in May	9.00

Hampden Co. May 14. 1839

All matters not acted upon are ordered to be  
continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day

Attest

John Ingersoll, Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
June 1839 Hampden Co

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden begun and holden for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of June, being the Twentyfifth day of said month in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty, Nine and from day to day to the 28<sup>th</sup> day of said month and by adjournment on the Second Monday of August and from day to day to the 17<sup>th</sup> day of said August,

By James W. Brooks Esq. Chairman  
Gideon Stiles Esq.  
John Ward Esq. } Commissioners

Ashmun et al  
for Home of of the Town of Springfield, qualified to vote  
Correction in Town affairs, held on the second day of April current, it was Voted, That Oliver B Morris, Samuel Bowles, George Ashmun, James W. Brooks and George Colton be appointed a Committee to apply to the County Commissioners for the erection of a County House of Correction.

Attest  
April 9, 1832.

Wm Bliss Town Clerk of Springfield

The foregoing application was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, and continued from term to term to this meeting; and now at this meeting, this application is dismissed

To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

Com<sup>r</sup>  
Wm Bliss et al

The undersigned Petitioners respectfully Petition represent that the Road leading from the Road in North Parish to the South Parish in the Town of Milbraham Milbraham (over the mountain, so called) is a hilly crooked road; and these Petitioners are of opinion that the public may be much better accommodated and the intercourse between the Parishes much easier. Therefore we pray that your honorable would view the proposed route, and if you think that the



public necessities and conveniences require a new location, you will lay the same: and as in duty bound shall ever pray; or make such alterations in the present roads as will better accommodate the public travel

(Signed) Wm. Bliss and 29 others  
Milbrabham 7<sup>th</sup> July 1835.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the <sup>and</sup> County Commissioners held for said County on the first Tuesday <sup>meeting to</sup> of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred thirty five at which <sup>it was</sup> meeting the Commissioners met at the house of Wm Bliss in <sup>held on the</sup> Milbrabham on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October next of June 1836 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating, to hear at said place of meeting all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages

Also Ordered, That notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampshire Whig a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days, at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Milbrabham with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks, Chairman  
And the Sheriff of the County in pursuance of the foregoing order makes his return as follows,

Hampden Co. Sep. 13. 1836.

By virtue of the foregoing Order I served the Town Clerk of Milbrabham with a true and attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice, by leaving the same at his dwelling house; and also posted up in two public places



in Said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

Caleb Rice Sheriff

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commission held on the fourth Tuesday of December 1836, at which meeting the Commissioners make their Report, as follows.

Hampden Co. October 17<sup>th</sup> 1836.

The County Commissioners of Said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition as set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also having caused a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of Notice, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting, to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Whig, a newspaper printed and published in said County, the last publication thereof being at least fourteen days before the time of said meeting in conformity with the said order of Notice met at the time and place in the said order mentioned, and proceeded to view the Route for a Road as prayed for in said petition, and after viewing the said route and hearing all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, who chose to be heard in the premises; the said Commissioners adjudged that in their opinion Common convenience and necessity did not require that a new road should be laid out, and established; but that the Old road, over the Mountain, should be thoroughly repaired from near the house of John W. Bliss, to near the house of Samuel Beecher and that by making such repairs as may be specified and directed a new location, at this time is deemed unnecessary.

All which is submitted

James W. Brooks	Seal	} County Commissioners
Gideon Stiles	Seal	
Cyrus Knox	Seal	

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting; and now at this meeting this petition is dismissed

S. B. Gibbs

Petition of Hampden  
for Abatement

To the County Commissioners for the County

Samuel B. Gibbs of Blandford in said County represents, that in the assessment list of said Town of Blandford for the Year 1837 made by Lyman Gibbs, Curtis Hall and Roland Parks assessors of said Town, said Petitioner is assessed in the sum of fourteen dollars and four cents for Town and County taxes



in which assessment he is overrated; and although he  
duly carried in to said Assessors a list of his taxable  
Estate; and although he afterwards, to wit, on the first day  
of January current, made application to said Assessors  
to abate said taxes; Yet they have refused to abate the  
same. He therefore prays that your Hon. Board will,  
after due proceedings in the premises, abate said taxes

Samuel C. Gibbs

Jan. 19. 1838.

By his Atty Chapman & Ashmun

This petition was entered at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners, held for said County on the  
second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, and continued  
to this term. And now in this meeting this petition  
is dismissed

To the Hon County Commissioners of the Black River  
County of Hampden Petition

The undersigned petitioners respectfully represent, to your honors, that an alteration in the  
Main Road leading from Agawam Bridge in  
West Springfield to Suffield, is much wanted, at a  
point commencing near the house of John Manly, and  
running westerly in the direction of Agawam Bridge  
to intersect the old road near the home of Gad  
Warner. The above alteration would shorten the  
distance of travel on said road and avoid the great  
hill, near the home of Timothy Horton. We therefore  
pray that the Honorable Commissioners would view the said  
road and make such alterations as may be thought  
just and conducive to the public good

(Signed) Jason Clark, and 48 others,  
July 2. 1836.

This petition was entered at a meeting  
of the Commissioners held on the fourth Tuesday of  
October 1836 and continued from meeting to  
meeting to the meeting held on the first Tuesday  
of October A.D. 1838, at which meeting it was ordered,  
That said Commissioners meet at the house of Wm  
S. Bane, in West Springfield on Thursday the 22 day  
of November next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for  
the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the  
prayer of said petition, and afterwards, to hear all  
persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same  
shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and  
necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after  
locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and  
Corporations interested upon the subject of damages.



Also, Ordered, That notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested, in said Petition, by publishing a copy of said Petition and this order thereon ~~three weeks~~ <sup>three weeks</sup> ~~successively~~ in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in this County, the last publication to be fourteen days, at least before the time of meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, send the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said Petition and this Order thereon thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said Petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crocker, Chairman

and the Sheriff of the County in pursuance of the foregoing Order, makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co. Oct 17. 1838

I served the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of this Petition and order of Notice, by leaving the same at his dwelling house and pasting up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said Petition

C. Rice, Sheriff

and this Petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting held on the fourth Tuesday of Dec. A.D. 1838. at which meeting the County Commissioners make their report as follows.

Hampden Co. November 22. 1838

The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing Petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also by causing a copy of said Petition, together with the foregoing order of notice to be published in a Newspaper printed in said County, as is set forth and required in said order of notice; met at the time and place and for the purpose in said order mentioned and proceeded to view the premises described in said Petition and <sup>having viewed the same and</sup> heard all persons and Corporations interested therein, who chose to be heard in the matter of said Petition, said Commissioners are of opinion and so adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that certain alterations, improvements and repairs should be made in said road, between Agawam Bridge and a point a few rods southeasterly

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of the house of John Monty, and to report accordingly,  
All which is submitted

James W. Crooks }  
Gideon Stiles } County Commissioners

Which report being read and <sup>John Ward</sup> accepted, the allegations judged of common  
and this petition was further continued to the meeting  
held on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1839. at  
which meeting it was ordered, That said Commis-  
sioners meet at the house of Robert Ely in Westspring-  
field <sup>Wednesday</sup> on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May next, at 9 o'clock in the  
forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according  
to the prayer of said petition, and after locating to hear  
all persons and corporations interested upon the subject  
of Damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons  
and Corporations interested in said petition by pub-  
lishing an abstract of said petition and a notice  
of the time and place and purpose of said  
meeting, three weeks successively in the Hampden  
Post, a Newspaper printed in said County the last  
publication to be fourteen days at least before the time  
of said meeting. And it is further ordered  
that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve  
the Town Clerk of Westspringfield with an attested copy  
of said petition and this Order thereon thirty days  
at least, and post up in two public places in said  
town, an abstract containing the substance of said  
petition fourteen days at least before the time of said  
meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return  
hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Com-  
missioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks, Chairman

+ See below and the Sheriff of the County in pursuance of the  
foregoing order, makes his return as follows

Hampden Co. April 15<sup>th</sup> 1839.

I have served the Town Clerk of Westspringfield  
with an attested copy of this petition and order  
of notice thereon, by giving the same to him; and  
also posted up in two public places in said town  
an abstract containing the substance of said  
petition

C. Rice, Sheriff

and this petition was further continued to this  
meeting. And now at this meeting the County  
Commissioners make their report as follows

Hampden Co. May 15<sup>th</sup> 1839.

The County Commissioners of said County  
having given notice to all persons and corporations  
interested in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of  
said County, and having caused an abstract of said  
petition containing the substance thereof and stating



the time, place and purpose of the meeting to be published in a Newspaper printed in said County as is set forth in the foregoing Order, all which notices are according to law, in that behalf provided, met at the time and place and for the purpose in said abstract and Order mentioned, and proceeded to lay out and establish certain alterations, and direct certain improvements and repairs in the road mentioned in said Petition in manner following (viz)

Beginning at the N.E. corner of Gad Warriner and Wifes' land near the house of Charles Woodworth, and run S.  $43^{\circ}$  E. 70 rods and 8 links to a stake near the Slough on said Woodworth land. To this station the road is laid three rods wide - Then S.  $64\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 5 rods 13 links to a stake on said Woodworth's land near the foot of the Hill, and South of the Slough - then S.  $43^{\circ}$  E. 6 rods, 8 links, up the hill to a ditch, on said Woodworth's S.E. line a small black birch marker, stands a few feet from the ditch, on the side hill. Then S.  $43^{\circ}$  E. on John Manly's land 12 rods 5 links to a white Oak tree marked. Then S.  $8^{\circ}$  E. 7 rods 8 links to a white Oak tree marked. From the station on the first course 70 rods 8 links as above mentioned, near the foot of the hill on Woodworth's land, north of the Slough we commence widening the road, and laid it 6 rods wide from the stake on Woodworth's land south of the Slough to the first white Oak tree before mentioned on the top of the hill on Manly's land and reduced the width to 3 rods at the white Oak tree last mentioned on Manly's land, marked. The west line of the road is to bear west from the station on Woodworth's land at the stake north of the Slough before mentioned in order that the increasing width on each side of the road may correspond as nearly as may be practicable, and consistent with the above described line. Then commence at the said <sup>white</sup> Oak tree last mentioned, where the road is reduced to 3 rods wide and run S.  $24^{\circ}$  E. 6 rods 11 links to a ditch on the south side of the Woods at a stake. Then S.  $24^{\circ}$  E. 57 rods 2 links to a stake S.W. of Manly's house, by the old road. Thus far the line is run on the N.E. side of the road or left hand limits. Then commence on the West side of the road opposite Manly's house, at a stake by the fence and run on Mrs. Miller's land S.  $24^{\circ}$  E. 15 rods 3 links to a stake.



by the fence on the Old road about 3 rods North of said Miller's House. The last course is run on the right hand, or West side of the road, and have taken for Highway the land of said Miller, lying east of said line last run, and between said line and the old road. Then Commence an alteration on Enock Cooper's land near Bowes' bridge, by a stake near a small Butternut tree, east of said bridge and run S. 48° E. 13 rods to the meadow. Said road, and the line is run on the East side of the road, and the land between said line and the old road is taken for highway. Then commence an alteration on the West side of the road at the S.E. corner of Robert Ely's front door (Land and run S. 50° E. 17 rods 15 links to Mr Bowes' land. Then on said Bowes and on the same course, 20 rods 12 links to a stake by the road. The old road between Agawam bridge and said Warriner's house is to be thoroughly repaired. The hill by Bowes' house is to be properly reduced, and a substantial stone bridge is to be built 20 feet wide, and raised so that the grade of said hill shall be easy and convenient for travel. And we have established said alterations above mentioned as and for a Public highway. And after establishing the same and hearing all persons who were to be heard upon the subject of damages, we assessed and allowed damages for lands so taken, as follows, viz To William Miller we have allowed Twelve Dollars

To John Manly Three Hundred Ninety four Dollars  
To said Warriner & Wife Two hundred & Sixty two Dollars  
To Enock Cooper Five Dollars  
To Charles Woodworth Five Dollars  
To Mr G. Bane Twenty one Dollars  
To Robert Ely Seven Dollars.

No other person or Corporation was injured by the location of said road.

We have allowed, till the first day of January next, for the owners of lands to remove Wood, Timber and other obstructions from said location.

In the Construction of said road the following Particulars are to be observed. The Path for travel is to be 20 feet wide in the clear, exclusive of ditches, and the road is to be made sufficiently crowning, that the water may pass directly into the ditches, and not run or remain upon the road. All low and wet places are to be properly raised, and good stone sluices, bridges and watercourses to be built wherever necessary. The Hill is to be hauled down and reduced, so that



the ascent shall not exceed three degrees elevation on either side thereof. The banks on each side the road on Warriss and 'Mordworth' and on Manly's land are to be properly sloped. All sandy places are to be hardened with suitable materials. The road between Manly's and Miller's house, to be well raised and worked as near the west side as may be practicable.

In all other respects, said road throughout is to be constructed in a substantial and workmanlike manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of September A.D. 1840.

All which is submitted

James W. Crooks & Seal } county  
Gideon Stiles & Seal } Commissioners  
John Ward & Seal }

which report being read and considered is accepted and the way established as and for a public highway)

<sup>Wm</sup> Bryant & al.  
Petition of Hampden  
Alterations  
Represents the petition of the subscribers that Road in the lines and measurements of the County road Springfield leading from the Bridge at Chicopee Factory up the Hill by the house of the late Benjamin Belcher are uncertain and indefinite; and if the same were worked as by the record appears to be laid out, it would be very inconvenient for public travel. We therefore pray that the same may be altered so as to conform to the present travelled path between the said bridge and the Methodist meeting house at the top of the hill aforesaid.

Ligned David M. Bryant, and others  
Springfield Oct. 1837.

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1837, and continued to the meeting of said Commissioners held on Fourth Tuesday of December A.D. 1837, at which meeting it was ordered, That said Commissioners meet at Adolms' Hotel, in Springfield on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April next, at 9 O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages.



Now Ordered, That notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this Order thereon, three weeks successively, in the Hampden Whig a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Springfield, with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to Gideon Stiles, Esq. one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks, Chairman  
and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting in the meeting of said Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1838. And the Sheriff in pursuance of the foregoing Order makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co. March 6. 1838.

I served the Town Clerk of Springfield, with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon by giving the same to him and also posting up in two public places in said Springfield, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff

and this petition was further continued to this present at which last mentioned meeting the Commissioners make their report as follows.

Hampden Co. April 9. 1838.

The County Commissioners of said County having given Notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also causing a copy of the foregoing petition and order of notice to be published in a newspaper printed in said County, as is required in and by said order of notice, Gideon Stiles and Cyrus Knox two of said Commissioners and Lucius Wright a Special Commissioner, in the place of James W. Brooks one of the County Commissioners, who is an inhabitant of Springfield where said road is situated, and thereby disqualified by law to act in



the Premises, met at the time and place in  
Said Order of Notice mentioned and proceeded  
to view the road mentioned in said petition;  
and having viewed the same and heard all persons  
and Corporations interested in said petition, who  
were to be heard thereon, said Commissioners ad-  
judged that in their opinion common convenience  
and necessity requires that certain alterations  
should be made in said road, between the Bridge  
and meeting house mentioned in said petition  
and to report according.

All which is submitted

Gideon Stiles & Seal } County Commissioners  
Cyrus Knox & Seal }  
Lucius Wright & Seal Special Commis-

and this petition was continued to this meeting - and  
now at this meeting this petition was dismissed.

Moore & all  
Petition for the County of Hampden  
Road in  
Palmer.

The undersigned inhabitants of the  
town of Palmer in said County respectfully  
represent that the public good requires that the  
location of a road in Thorndike Village should  
be made, beginning at the new County road  
(leading from Thorndike village to Three Rivers)  
where your honors think the public good requires  
them crossing southerly between the home of Jona-  
than Moore and Cotton M. Cooley's store until it  
reaches the old County road leading from the  
Three Rivers to Palmer Town.

We the subscribers request that your honors  
would meet and make the location for which  
we in duty bound will ever pray.

Signed Jonathan Moore, & others

Palmer June 20. 1838

This petition was entered at a meeting of  
the County Commissioners holden on the fourth  
Tuesday of June A.D. 1838, at which meeting it  
was ordered that said Commissioners meet at  
the store of Cotton M. Cooley in Palmer on Monday  
the 25 day of October next at 2 o'clock in the afternoon



for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said Petition, and after viewing, to hear all Persons and Corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all Persons and Corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also Ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said Petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks, Chairman  
and this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December A.D. 1838.

And the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows

Hampden Co. Feb. 13. 1838

I served the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of this Petition aforesaid and order of Notice thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posting up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said Petition

C. Rice Sheriff

at which meeting the Commissioners make their report as follows.

Hampden Co. October 25. 1838

The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all Persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing Petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also having caused a copy of said Petition together with the foregoing order of Notice to be published in a newspaper printed in said County as is



set forth and required in said Order of notice met at the time and place and for the purpose in said Order mentioned, and proceeded to give the route for a road or highway set forth in said petition; and having received the same and heard all persons and corporations interested in the subject matter of said petition, who chose to be heard therein said Commissioners are of opinion, and so adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition should be granted and that a new road be laid out from near the west end of the Bridge at Thundike village easterly to the County road a few rods easterly of the house now occupied by Seth Dunbar, and so report accordingly. John Ward, one of the County Commissioners being an inhabitant of the town of Palmer, was not present with the Board, and John Gould, a special Commissioner, being summoned, appeared and acted in said petition in the place of said Ward.

All which is submitted

James W. Brooks } County Commissioners  
Gideon Stiles }

John Gould Special Commissioner

which Report being read and considered is accepted and the way adjudged of common convenience and necessity. And this petition was further continued to the meeting of said Commissioners held on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1839. at which meeting it was ordered that the said Commissioners meet at the house of Jonathan Moore in Palmer on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June next, at 2 O'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition, and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his



Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks, Chairman.

and this petition was further continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co. May 2. 1839.

I served the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of this petition and Order of Notice thereon by giving the same to him, and I also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting. C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners make their Report as follows.

Hampden Co. June 11. 1839.

The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all Person and Corporation interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff, and also having published in a Newspaper printed in said County, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition as is required in the foregoing Order, stating the time place and purpose of the meeting James Brooks and Gideon Stites, two of said Commissioners and John Gould one of the Special Commissioners, in the place of John Ward, a County Commissioner, who is an inhabitant of Palmer, where said road is situate, and dis-qualified to act in the premises, thus constituting a Board, met at the time and place in said Order and abstract mentioned and proceeded to lay out and establish a highway as follows. to wit.

Beginning at a Stake and stones standing four rods five links on a course S  $13\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. from the S.E. corner of the first boarding house of the Thorndike Company, West of the new bridge Then run S  $70^{\circ} 50' E.$  ten rods 12 links to a Stake and stones at the N.E. corner of Marshall Dur-Kees house lot. Then S.  $25^{\circ} E.$  forty seven rods 10 links to the present road leading from Three Rivers to Palmer town. Said road is laid three rods wide, and the line run is the right hand or South.



west side thereof.

After locating said road and hearing all interested upon the subject of damages who chose to be heard thereon, we estimated and appraised damages as follows, to wit:

To the Thorndike Company we appraised & allowed

Fifty Dollars

\$50.00

To Timothy Ferrall Seven dollars

7.00

no other person claimed damages for lands so taken, and no other person was injured by the location of said road.

Said Road is to be constructed in a good substantial and workmanlike manner, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of June A. D. 1840.

The travel path is to be twenty feet wide exclusive of suitable ditches. The road is to be well raised and sufficiently curving. All stumps and stones are to be dug out and removed before the road is formed. All hills and knolls are to be properly hauled down, and the grade of the whole road made as easy as may be practicable; and in no place upon the road is the elevation to exceed three degrees with the horizon. Good drains and watercourses are to be made wherever necessary; and in all other respects said road is to be made and finished to the acceptance of said Commissioners.

All which is submitted

James W. Brooks Seal }

Gideon Stiles Seal }

John Gould Seal }

County Commrs.  
Special Commrs.

which Report being read and considered is accepted and the way established as and for a public highway

Inhabitants of  
Brimfield  
petition for field, in the County of Hampden, to alter the location of a  
Committee certain highway or road, from its old location  
to alter its location leading from Brimfield to Holland, in said County,  
beginning at the Factory Village in said Holland  
then running northwesterly near the house of  
of Dea David Wallis, and the house of John  
Wallis, crossing Lanesburg River at the old bridge  
then up the valley of the Mill brook, until it in-  
tersects with the old road leading from Holland  
to Brimfield, a few rods north of the Guttery Bridge  
so called, in said Brimfield. And also discontinuing  
so much of the old road leading from said Factory  
Village in said Holland to said Guttery Bridge as



the new highway may supersede the necessity of. This report was returned to the Court of Common Pleas at the term thereof holden for said County on the second Monday of October A.D. 1838 and continued from term to term to the June term thereof A.D. 1839. which report is in the words and figures following.

And the subscribers appointed by Committee as above and for the purpose above mentioned, having notified and met all the Parties interested at the house of Joseph D. Browning in Greenfield, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1838, and after viewing the premises and hearing the allegations, proofs and pleas of the several Parties interested, and after duly considering the subject submitted to us, Report that the highway located by the County Commissioners at the South East corner of E. G. Fuller's Blacksmith Shop in Holland be and the same is hereby discontinued, to a stake standing about 2 Rods West of the woods on land of David and Benjamin Wild as mentioned in said location and instead thereof the following location is made, viz. Beginning at said stake and run S. 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> E. 138 rods to an apple tree on land of Julius Burt, standing by the Mill on the East side of the present County road. We then began at the stake aforesaid, and run 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> W. 14 rods to intersect the Easterly line of the road as located by said Commissioners, making the whole distance from said apple tree to the last mentioned point 152 rods and we have laid said road 3 rods wide and on the Westerly side of said line run. We then began at an Apple tree on the North side of the present highway 34 rods westerly of the bridge crossing the Linebogue river at the Outlet of the Holland pond, and run S. 77 W. 43 rods to a gate Post in the Barn Yard of Isaac W. Wood, and we have laid said road 3 rods wide and on the southerly side of the line run. After making said locations and having the Persons and Corporations interested we have assessed damages as follows

To Isaac W. Wood One hundred Dollars  
To James A. Lynn Five Dollars  
To Julius Burt Thirty Dollars  
To David and Benjamin Wild Sixty Dollars

The Road from the Point of intersection with the road located by the Commissioners on land of B & B. Wild, to be widened 18 feet wide exclusive of ditches, on the upland and in the marshy ground, to be widened 16 feet wide, exclusive of ditches, to be sufficiently raised in the middle, so as to turn off the water and large and sufficient sluices ways and bridges to be made in all places where it may be necessary to carry off the water. The



road from Isaac M. Woods to the Apple tree, to be worked 18 feet wide, exclusive of ditches and raised properly in the middle, to carry off the water; and all necessary sluices and bridges. In making the road aforesaid, all the stumps and stones are to be removed before the road is shaped. The old road near James A. Lynns to be raised 2 feet at the bottom of the hill, and properly graded each way to make the ascent easy. (Until the first day of May 1839, is allowed to the owners of land to take off the wood and timber growing on said road. In all other subjects not particularly mentioned herein, said road is to be made in the same substantial and workmanlike manner as the other parts of said road located by said Commissioners and finished to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of October A. D. 1839. The old road from a little southerly of Isaac M. Woods to the Apple tree is to be discontinued from and after the time the new road shall be finished and accepted by the Commissioners. Isaac M. Wood is to have the right to take the turf from the road near his house before the same is worked, all which is respectfully submitted. Witness our hands and seals, this 23<sup>d</sup> day of August 1838.

Caleb Rice & Seal

Calvin Stebbins & Seal

John Frink & Seal

which Report being considered and adjudicated <sup>thereon is</sup> ordered by said Court, to be transmitted to the County Commissioners for said County for the further action and proceedings thereon, according to law. Which Verdict having been returned to this Board, is at this meeting read and accepted and ordered to be recorded.

Jarrell et al. To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the  
Petition County of Hampden,

for Jury The undersigned inhabitants of the town of  
to assess Brimfield, and of Holland in said County respectfully  
damages represent that they severally are aggrieved and dissatisfied  
with the sums allowed them as damages arising  
from laying out a highway over their land leading  
from near the Guthrie Bridge so called in said  
Brimfield to near the factory of Elbridge S. Fuller Esq.  
in Holland and they therefore pray your honorable  
Board to grant them a jury to estimate and increase  
said damages if they see fit, according to the law  
in such cases made and provided unless the  
location of said highway shall be altered over the  
land of said undersigned, by a jury or Committee  
expected to be called out for that purpose. And said  
undersigned hereby express their willingness that the  
last named Jury or Committee be authorized, in



now they do not alter the location of said highway over the  
land of the undersigned, to estimate, and if they see fit to  
increase the damages allowed by the Honorable Board of Com-  
missioners; and Moquin Converse Esq the bearer of this, is author-  
ized to make all necessary arrangements in our behalf.

Brinfield June 25, 1838

Elias Tarbell

Abijah Pierce

David Weld

Benj<sup>a</sup> D. Weld

Harvey Russell

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting  
of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the  
fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and thirty eight, and by adjournment on Monday  
the sixth day of August A. D. 1838, at which last mentioned  
meeting it was ordered by the County Commissioners, that  
the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy should summon  
a jury in manner prescribed by law for the purposes  
mentioned in said petition.

Pursuant to the foregoing order the Sheriff of said  
County summoned, impanelled and sworn a jury, and  
summoned them to appear before him at the house of Joseph  
D Browning in Brinfield on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1838 at  
and the parties were also notified to appear at the same  
place, and on said 12<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. said <sup>Jury was</sup> impanelled and  
jury by consent of the parties, and they agreed upon  
their verdict which is in the following words and figures, viz,

On the petition of Elias Tarbell and others for an  
increase of damages for locating a highway the  
jury agree damages as follows, viz to Harvey  
Russell One hundred Twenty eight Dollars

Elias and Samuel Tarbell, Eighty Nine Dollars,

Elias Tarbell One hundred and forty three dollars

David & Benj<sup>a</sup> D. Weld, one hundred eighty seven Dollars

Witness our hands & Seals this 13 day  
of September A. D. 1838.

Calvin Munn Freeman Seal Alvin Blanchard Seal

Abel Balkins Seal Cyrus Balkins Seal

Franklin Newell Seal James C. Royce Seal

Moses Barnes Seal Silas Perry Seal

John P. Gaddy Seal Freeman Plympton Seal

Henry Lyman Seal

which verdict being returned to the Court of Common  
Pleas holden for the County of Hampshire on the second  
Monday of October in the Year of our Lord one  
and this verdict was confirmed by the Court in June 1839 and  
thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, and having  
been considered and adjudicated thereon is accepted and  
allowed, and the same is Ordered by said Court to be



certified to the County Commissioners for said County of Hampden for the further action and proceedings thereon according to law.

Which <sup>Verdict</sup> having been returned to this Board of Commissioners <sup>at this time</sup> is read and accepted, and ordered to be recorded.

Brewer et al  
Petitioners  
To the County Commissioners of the County of  
Hampden

The undersigned inhabitants of Wilbraham represent that certain parts of the old road, between the house of Abraham Avery and the store of Clark B. Robbins in said Wilbraham are unnecessary for the public convenience and may be discontinued, in consequence of a new location around the hill easterly of Timothy Brewer's house, having been established by your Board on the petition of Jesse P. Bliss and others; and also that the public convenience requires some alterations in the road as located by the Commissioners on the petition of said Bliss, and certain new prices of road between the termini above mentioned, viz near the house of the Widow Rice and the house of Timothy Brewer.

Wherefore Your Petitioners pray the Board to view the premises and adjudicate thereon as soon as may be.

(Signed) Calvin Brewer & others  
Wilbraham Oct 1. 1838.

The aforesaid petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the First Tuesday of October A.D. 1838, at which meeting it was ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the home of Abel Bliss in Wilbraham on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the roads and discontinue the old road prayed for and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also, Ordered, That notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve



the Town Clerk of Wilbraham with an attested copy of said Petition and this Order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks, Chairman

This petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden on the second Tuesday of April A.D. 1839, and the <sup>Deputy</sup> Sheriff of said County, pursuant to the foregoing Order, makes his return as follows, viz  
Hampden Co. Oct. 20. 1838

I served the Town Clerk of Wilbraham with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

D. M. Moore Dep. Sheriff

at which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners, make their report as follows

Hampden Co. November 14. 1838

The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also having caused a copy of said petition to be published in a newspaper printed in said County, as also the foregoing order of notice, stating the time place and purpose of the meeting, met according to the said order of notice so published and proceeded to view the premises, set forth and described in said petition; and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who chose to be heard upon the matter of said petition, said Commissioners are of opinion that so adjudged that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition should be granted. And that after the new road is constructed, certain parts of the old road be discontinued between the termini mentioned; and also that some alterations be made in the ~~road~~ laid on said Blip's petition, and certain pieces of new road established as now prayed for.



All which is submitted

James W. Brooks

Gideon Stiles

John Ward

County Commissioners

Which Report being read and considered is accepted and the way and alterations adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which last <sup>meeting</sup> ~~convention~~ <sup>meeting</sup> it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the Store of Clark P. Stebbins in Wilbraham on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May next at 1 O'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of proceedings to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy serve the Town Clerk of Wilbraham with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks Chairman  
and this petition was further continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing Order, makes his return as follows.

Hampden Sp. April 11. 1837.

I have served the Town Clerk of Wilbraham with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon by delivering the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

At which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners made their report as follows

Hampden Sp. May 13. 1837.

The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations



interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff and by causing an abstract of said petition stating the substance thereof and the time, place and purpose of the meeting of said Commissioners to be published in a Newspaper printed in said County as is set forth and required in the foregoing order in conformity with said abstract so published according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and of the foregoing order, met at the time and place in said order mentioned, and proceeded to lay out and establish certain pieces of new road and discontinue certain parts of old road in manner following, viz.

Beginning at the north west corner of land belonging to the Wesleyan Academy, by the old road a few rods southerly of Timothy Brewer's house, and run on the south side of said Brewer's land N. 87° E. 4 rods, 13 links, to the West side of the new road lately established by said Commissioners, and we laid the same 2 rods wide, on said Brewer's land.

Then beginning at the N.W. corner of Erastus Otis land, opposite the Widow Rice's home, and run due East, 3 rods, 15 links by said Otis, north line to the West side of the new road lately established as above mentioned and we here laid out the same 20 feet wide on land of Abel Bliss.

After said new pieces of road hereby laid out and established shall be properly worked and opened, so much of the old road between the home of Abel Bliss, and the intersection of the road heretofore laid by the Commissioners on the petition of Jesse P. Bliss and others, with said old road, a few rods north of the boarding house of said Academy, are hereby declared and adjudged to be discontinued as public highway except so much thereof as may be necessary for Timothy Brewer and the Widow Rice and their heirs and assigns in passing to and from their respective houses upon and over said new pieces of road hereby established as public highway.

And after laying out and establishing the same, and hearing all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages, who chose to be heard thereon, we assessed and allowed damages as follows viz.

To Timothy Brewer Twelve dollars	\$12.00
To the Trustees of Wesleyan Academy, thirty seven	37.00
To Abel Bliss Five dollars	5.00
To William Brewer One Dollar	1.00
To Erastus Otis One Dollar	1.00



Said new pieces of road now established are to be finished and worked to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of December next.

All which is submitted

James W. Crooks Seal }  
John Ward Seal } County Commrs  
Gideon Stiles Seal }

which Report being read and considered, is accepted and the way and alterations adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

Western R. R.  
Petition to  
Estimate

To the Board of County Commissioners of the  
County of Hampden

The Western Rail Road Corporation respectfully represent, That they have located their rail road in Wilbraham in said County upon and across the First Massachusetts Turnpike, ~~between the Town~~ Home of Abner Sargent and Twelve Mile Brook; that their said Rail road passes there at a grade below the surface of the Turnpike road, in such a manner that the said Turnpike road "interferes with the convenient location of their rail road" in that these petitioners have thought proper to alter, and have accordingly altered the course of the said Turnpike road, by commencing at a point near the bottom of the hill, and near Chicopee river, and turning more northerly upon land of Warren Collins of said Wilbraham, upon which Mehitable Collins of said Wilbraham has a life Estate; and passing upon land of said Warren and Mehitable, to a point in the old road near the barn of said Warren. And the said alteration is four rods wide, and the course thereof is designated by a line of stakes in the centre thereof. And the petitioners aver, that they have not been able to obtain the said lands for said alteration from said Warren and Mehitable by voluntary agreement; and that they have obtained the consent of the said First Massachusetts Turnpike Corporation to the said alteration of their road, by vote at a legal meeting called for the purpose. They therefore pray the Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises, and estimate the damages, if any, occasioned to the said Warren and Mehitable, by said alteration, according to law.

Dated at Springfield this twelfth day of October A. D. 1837

The Western R. R. Corp.  
By Geo Bliss, Agt.



To Warren Collins, and Mahitable Collins, both of Wilbraham  
in the County of Hampden

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have  
presented their Petition to the County Commissioners of said  
County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road  
in the Town of Wilbraham in said County upon and across  
the First Massachusetts Turnpike between the town house of  
Almond Sand and Twelve Mile Brook, and that for  
the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they  
have thought proper to alter the course of said Turnpike  
road, and have accordingly altered said Turnpike  
road by commencing at a point near the bottom of  
the hill, and near Chicopee River, and turning more  
northerly upon land of said Warren Collins, upon  
which said Mahitable and Collins has a life estate and  
passing upon land of said Warren and Mahitable, to a  
point in the old road near the barn of said Warren  
and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises  
and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained  
by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the  
Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Sand's  
Inn in said Wilbraham on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November  
instant at 10 O'clock, A.M. when and where you may  
be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the  
subject.

Per order,

James W. Crooks, Chairman

Nov. 16. A.D. 1837

I certify that I have notified the within  
named Warren Collins and Mahitable Collins, by  
giving each of them an attested copy of this  
notification. November 16. 1837.

R. D. Morris

At a meeting of the Stockholders of the  
1<sup>st</sup> Massachusetts Turnpike Corporation, held on the 15<sup>th</sup>  
day of October A.D. 1837 the following vote was passed  
"Upon the Petition of the Western Rail Road  
Corporation for the Consent of this Company to an  
alteration of the Turnpike road west of Twelve  
Mile Brook, by turning the same more northerly  
upon land of Warren Collins, as per Petition on file,  
Voted that this Corporation consent to said alteration  
on condition the new Road be made without any  
expense to them, and that it be worked in as good  
order as the old road, and that the grade in  
no place exceed that of corresponding parts of the  
old road."

A true Copy -

Attest

Richard Bliss, Clerk  
of 1<sup>st</sup> Mass. Turn. Cor.



I hereby certify that the Turnpike Corporation waived notice of the action of the County Commissioners on the petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation for the alteration of said Turnpike and assessment of damages  
 Rich<sup>d</sup> Bliss, Clerk 1<sup>st</sup> Mass. T. Corp

Hampden Co. November 23. 1837.

The County Commissioners of said County, having given Seasonable notice, to Warren Collins and Mahitable Collins, named in the foregoing petition by serving each of them with an abstract of said petition, stating the substance thereof; a copy of which abstract, with a Certificate of the service thereof, is herewith annexed. The said First Massachusetts Turnpike Corporation by their agent, Richard Bliss Esq having consented to said proposed alteration, and waiving notice to themselves were not present. All which appears by the Certificate of said Richard Bliss, annexed. And said Commissioners, in conformity with said Notice, met at said Warren Collins and Mahitable Collins, and R. D. Morris, Esq. agent of the Western Rail Road Corporation at the time, and place and for the purpose in said notice mentioned and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, and the proposed alterations in said Turnpike Road, and having viewed the premises and heard all said parties who chose to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, then and there were of opinion that said proposed alteration ought to be made, running as follows, to wit,  
 Upon and over a certain tract of land, lying in Milbraham aforesaid, southerly of the present travelled turnpike Road upon and over which said Western Rail Road Corporation, with the consent of the said Turnpike Corporation have altered the location of the said Turnpike road, being a strip of land through and across the easterly end of our farm, about seventy nine rods in length, and including four rods wide; and the following is a description of the running of said alteration, viz. commencing at the South east corner of the Stone Wall enclosing our barn Yard; thence running North  $49^{\circ}$  East 2 rods 15 feet - Thence North  $40^{\circ}$  East 5 rods  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet - Thence North  $30^{\circ}$  East 10 rods 2 feet - Thence North  $40^{\circ}$  East 7 rods 14 feet. Thence North  $51^{\circ}$   $30'$  10 rods - thence North  $61^{\circ}$   $15'$  East 8 rods 3 feet. Thence North  $70^{\circ}$   $45'$  East 6 rods  $10\frac{3}{4}$  feet - Thence North  $85^{\circ}$  East 5 rods  $8\frac{1}{2}$  feet. Thence South  $80^{\circ}$  East 5 rods  $15\frac{1}{2}$  feet - Thence South  $71^{\circ}$  East 4 rods 9 feet - Thence South



60° 45' East, 6 rods 12 feet thence South 60° 30' East 4 rods  
7 feet thence South 55° East, 2 rods 13 feet, which terminates  
in the old turnpike road 4 feet south of some large rocks,  
And the said courses and distances being on the north side of  
said Turnpike Road, as altered and located. And the Turn-  
pike road is located 4 rods wide on the south side of  
said line.

Said Commissioners estimate the damages for  
lands taken for said road, at one hundred and thirty  
dollars, which we allow as follows, viz.

To Warren Collins one hundred dollars

To Meketab Collins, Thirty dollars

The Turnpike road hereby altered, is to be constructed  
in all respects equal to the old road

Lucius Wright, a Special Commissioner, on  
being summoned, appeared and acted in the matter  
of said petition in the place of Cyrus Knox, one of  
the County Commissioners, who is a stock holder in  
said Western Rail Road Corporation

And on motion of R. D. Morris, Esq. agent  
of said Western Rail Road Corporation, all further  
adjudication and proceedings in the matter of said  
petition, are ordered by said Commissioners to  
be adjourned and continued to the next regular  
Term of said Commissioners, to be holden at the  
Court House in Springfield on the fourth Tuesday  
of December next.

By order of the Board

James W. Crooks, Chairman

Hampden Co.

County Commissioners meeting }  
June Term 1839

The foregoing petition having, by order of said  
Commissioners, been continued from the December  
Term 1837, and from Term to Term to this Term

It is now ordered, that said proposed alteration  
as set forth in the foregoing survey, be  
accepted and approved, and that said alteration  
be established as a part of said Turnpike road,  
All which is submitted

James W. Crooks Dea } County  
John Ward Dea } Commissioners  
Gideon Stites Dea }

Which Report being read and considered is accepted.



W. R. R. Co. To the County Commissioners of the County of  
Hampden.

Petition  
to alter  
Factory  
Road  
Road in said County, crosses a public highway leading from the Armory to Chicopee Falls in a manner to require an expensive Bridge over the same upon said highway and in a very diagonal manner; that the place to which said highway has been heretofore altered by the Commissioners, proves to be a bed of quicksand, and that it will be very expensive and may be impracticable to procure a substantial foundation for the abutments of said bridge as the highway now is. That they think proper to alter the same so as to facilitate said crossing and carry the same a little more easterly upon land of Festus Stebbins, and Asa Hagg, both of said Springfield. They therefore pray the Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises and direct the manner in which said road shall be now altered and to do whatever else in the premises the laws require.

Dated at Springfield, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1837.

The Western R R Corp.  
By Geo Bliss, Atty.

To Festus Stebbins and Asa Hagg, both of Springfield in the County of Hampden  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Springfield in said County so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from the Armory to Chicopee Falls, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way, as follows, viz by locating the same more easterly than the same was recently located by the Commissioners, so that the same, as altered, will pass over lands owned by you severally and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered, (You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet, for that purpose, on the premises on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, instant at



10 O'clock, A. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order

Springfield April 9. A. D. 1839 James W. Brooks, Chairman  
I certify that I gave a copy of the within to William Dwight, Chairman of Selectmen of Springfield, and to Festus Stebbins. April 15. 1839

Geo Bliss  
April 15. 1839 I certify that I gave a copy of the within this day, to Asa Hagg.

Horace Phelps.

Hampden Co. April 22. 1839. The  
The County Commissioners of said County having given reasonable notice to Festus Stebbins and Asa Hagg, and to the Selectmen of the Town of Springfield named in the foregoing petition by serving the said Selectmen, and the said Stebbins and Hagg with abstracts of said petition, a copy of which abstract with certificates of service thereof is herunto annexed, met all the said parties named in said petition and George Bliss agent of the Western Rail Road Corporation, this day on the premises and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition and the road proposed to be altered, and having viewed the same and heard all said parties on the premises who chose to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, then and there were of opinion that the said proposed alteration of the road will not essentially injure the same, and it was accordingly accepted and approved, running as follows, viz

Beginning on the easterly side of Factory Street at a White Oak tree marked by land of Festus Stebbins and run N. 38° 45' E. 75 feet. Then N. 54° 30' E. 50 feet. Then N. 56° 15' E. 200 feet. Then N. 37° E. 50 feet. Then N. 14° 15' E. 50 feet. Then N. 13° 30' W. 127 feet to Factory Street

The road hereby altered and established is to be constructed in a good and workmanlike manner and in all respects equal to the old road, with substantial railing at each end of the Bridge across the Rail Road, if the same shall be deemed necessary for the safety of the travellers

The road as altered and established to be four rods wide, and the line run is the right hand or N. E. side thereof.

And we have estimated damages for lands taken for said alteration and allowed the same as follows viz

To Festus Stebbins we have allowed and awarded One Dollar  
To Asa Hagg five Dollars



John Ward one of the Standing County Commissioners, being absent and unable to attend and act upon the subject matter of said petition Lucius Wright, one of the Special Commissioners on being summoned, appeared and acted thereon, thus constituting a Board

All which is submitted

James W. Brooks, Seal } County Comm.  
Gideon Hiles, Seal }  
Lucius Wright, Seal } Spec. Com.

Which report being read & considered is accepted.

W.R.R. Corp  
Petition  
J. Webber

To the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The Petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation, respectfully represents, That in the construction of their Rail Road in the Town of Palmer in said County, and for the purpose of cuts and embankments and for procuring gravel and Earth therefor it is necessary for them to procure the same without the limits of their road as located, and within the limits of their charters in upon land of Jonathan Webber of said Palmer in the occupation of and leased to Charles Bugbee of said Palmer on the South side of the Stage Road and adjoining or near to the Rail Road. Also upon land of John Sedgwick of said Palmer, being his home farm adjoining or near to the Rail Road. That they have been unable to procure the same by agreement, with the owners thereof. They therefore pray the Commissioners, after reasonable notice to view the premises, and prescribe the limits within which the same shall be taken, and estimate the damages if any, to be paid the owners thereof.

Dated at Springfield this Eighteenth day of June A.D. 1839

The Western R. R. Corp

By Geo. Blip, agt.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden June 18<sup>th</sup> 1839. The foregoing petition being this day presented to the subscriber, Chairman of the County Commissioners for said County, it is ordered, that the Commissioners meet at the house of John Sedgwick in Palmer, on Saturday the 22<sup>d</sup> day of June instant, at two o'clock P.M. then and there to act on said petition, and that notice be given to the said Jonathan Webber, Charles Bugbee, and John Sedgwick by serving each of them with an abstract of said petition and of this order. And the said Western R. R. Corporation as principal and George Blip as surety, appear and recognize to the County of Hampden in the sum of two hundred dollars, each, conditioned to pay



the County harmless from all costs and expenses on account of  
said petition

James W. Brooks Chairman

To Jonathan Webber and Charles Bugbee, both of Palmer  
in the County of Hampden

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation  
have presented their petition to the County Commissioners  
of said County, setting forth that they have located their  
Rail Road in the Town of Palmer in said County, and  
that in the construction of the same, and for purpose of cuts and  
embankments and for procuring gravel and earth it is necessary  
for them to procure the same, without the limits of their road  
as located, and within the limits of their charter, viz upon  
land of said Webber in Palmer, in the occupation of and leased  
to said Bugbee, on the South Side of the Stage Road and  
near the rail road, which lands are particularly described  
in said petition on file; and further representing that  
they have not been able to obtain said material by voluntary  
agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the  
premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any,  
sustained by You thereby, and prescribe the limits within  
which the same may be taken. You are hereby notified  
that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at the  
house of John Sedgwick in Palmer on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
day of June instant at 2 o'clock, P. M. when and  
where you may be present, if you see cause, and be  
heard upon the subject.

Per Order

James W. Brooks, Chairman

Springfield June 18<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1839.

June 18<sup>th</sup> 1839. I certify that I have this day served  
the said Webber and Bugbee each with a copy  
of the above  
E. O. Carter

Hampden Co, June 22. 1839.

The County Commissioners of said County  
having given reasonable notice to Jonathan  
Webber and Charles Bugbee, named in the  
foregoing petition, by serving each of them  
with an abstract of said petition, stating  
the substance thereof, a copy of which abstract  
with a certificate of the service thereof is  
herewith annexed, met the said Webber and  
Bugbee and R. D. Morris, agent of the Western  
Rail Road Corporation at the time and place in  
said petition mentioned, and proceeded to view  
the premises described in said petition and heard



all said parties in the subject matter of said petition then and there were of opinion that it was necessary that said Western Rail Road Corporation should take earth and gravel from land of said Webster and under lease to said Bugbee for the purposes mentioned in said petition and without the location of said Rail Road; and we have prescribed the limits where said earth and gravel may be taken, on two tracts or parcels of land as follows viz

One tract containing sixty rods of ground situate in Palmer, and bounding on the north line of the Rail Road and being part of Section No 36 of said Rail Road, and lying between Stations No 27 and 31 inclusive, according to the plan and profile hereunto annexed.

Also One other tract or parcel situate on the South side of said Rail Road, bounded and described as follows, viz Beginning  $4\frac{1}{4}$  feet South of Station 42, Section No 36, and run S.  $15^{\circ}30'$  E. 262 feet. Then N.  $85^{\circ}30'$  E. 113 feet. Then S.  $2^{\circ}30'$  E. 125. Then S.  $71^{\circ}$  W. 73 feet. Then N.  $37^{\circ}$  W. 98 feet. Then N.  $15^{\circ}$  W. 256 feet to the South line of said Rail Road. Then by the line of said Rail Road E. 35 feet to the place of beginning, containing eighty seven rods of ground, as by the profile above referred to, appears, and to which reference is hereby had for a more particular description of both parcels of land above mentioned and described.

And having prescribed the limits as aforesaid we have estimated the damages to the several owners, and hereby order that the same be paid by the said Western Rail Road Corporation as follows, viz

To Jonathan Webster for earth and gravel to be taken as aforesaid, and for his interest in the crops growing on the premises Forty Dollars \$40.00

To Charles Bugbee for his interest in the crops aforesaid Ten Dollars \$10.00

And said Corporation are required to leave the ground with a surface as convenient and practicable for cultivation as may be, after said earth and gravel are removed.

All which is submitted

James W. Brooks Seal } County  
John Ward Seal } Commissioners  
Gideon Stiles Seal }

Which report being read and considered, is accepted

Whitman

Lynnan Whitman is licensed as Retailer of Wines and Spirituous liquors for medical and mechanical purposes at the store now occupied by him in West Springfield



The Votes for County Treasurer, having been counted and sorted, it appears that the whole number of votes was three thousand forty one; necessary for a choice 1500.21. William Rice has fifteen hundred and fifty nine, and is declared to be elected; who appears and is sworn, and gives bond to the acceptance of the County Commissioners.

Levi M. Humphreys is licensed as a Retailer of Wines and Spirituous liquors for medical and mechanical purposes only in the Town of Southwick, at his store.

Justin Loomis is licensed as a Retailer of Wine, Beer, ale, and also a common victualler at his house, in Russell, without authority to sell rum, brandy, or other spirituous liquors.

Sanford J. Kimson and Peasley Truesdell Jr. are licensed as retailers of Wine and fermented liquors at the store in Russell, without authority to sell rum, brandy or any other spirituous liquors.

Ordered by the County Commissioners that the County Treasurer be authorized to borrow a sum of money not exceeding four thousand Dollars and to give a note or notes therefor, and to renew the same from time to time, as may be deemed necessary to be reimbursed from the taxes to be collected the current year. And also to renew any note or notes now outstanding against the County.

The following accounts against the County were allowed by the Commissioners at the above meeting and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasurer.

Asa M. Gould Watch at Jail	15.50	Wm S. Bown & others on Road	4.11 1/4
H. Goodell do do	18.00	J. Ward Service &c	11.31 1/2
H. J. Brooks Team & hands do	17.00	C. G. Rice Lead pipe	91.95
J. W. Brooks Team &c do	27.62	P. F. Wilder & sundry Jail	8.7
Stein & Parsons C. Williston	4.00	Graves & Gaylord Hay	16.68
Samuel Dale Key &c	2.75	W. H. Foster for Simon	23.11 1/2
Simon Sanborn Work & stuff	51.20	C. Rice Service &c	76.26
Amasa Parsons attend'g Court	39.50	John Ingersoll Service &c	21.94

Hampden Co. August 17. 1839  
All matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued  
and this meeting is adjourned without day  
Attest. John Ingersoll, Clerk.



October 1830

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

for the County of Hampden. At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, begun and holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of October, being the first day of said month, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, & from day to day to the fourth day of said month and by adjournment on the first Monday of December, being the 2<sup>d</sup> day of said month, and from day to day to the 6<sup>th</sup> day of said month

By

James W. Crooks Esq. Chairman  
Gideon Stites Esq.  
John Ward Esq. } Commissioners

Geo Colton et al  
Petition  
for alteration  
of Road in  
Springfield

To the Hon Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

The subscribers, inhabitants of said County respectfully represent, that State Street in Springfield in said County, between Main Street and Maple Street (the same being a part of the County road) is too narrow for the public accommodation, and the line on the southerly side thereof is irregular and crooked. We therefore pray Your honors to view the same and (as you shall judge the public convenience and necessity requires) to widen and straighten the same road by extending the said southerly line from the front of Carver's building to the northerly corner of the Hon John Dwight's dwelling house and thence in a range with the northerly end of said house to Maple Street, or otherwise alter, straighten and widen said Street as you shall judge expedient. Dated at Springfield this 19<sup>th</sup> of May 1832

George Colton & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, A.D. 1832 and continued from Term to Term to this Term, and now at this Term this petition is dismissed

J.B. Bridgman et al

Petition for

Road in

Springfield

To the Honorable board of Commissioners for the County of Hampden

The undersigned inhabitants of Springfield in said County, respectfully represent, That public convenience and necessity require, that a new highway should be laid out from Cabotville Bridge, easterly to intersect the Granby road, that leads from



Chicopee Falls to Granby. The old Road is very circuitous, hilly and narrow: and the great increase of travel renders it very necessary that a new road or alterations in the old one be made immediately. Wherefore your petitioners pray that after due proceedings, your Honorable board will lay out and establish said highway from Cabotville Bridge to the said Granby Road.

[Signed] J. B. Bridgman and others  
Springfield June 1<sup>st</sup> 1838.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the First Tuesday of October A. D. 1838, at which meeting it was Ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Marvin Chapin in Springfield on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November next at 2 O'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also Ordered, That notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively, in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County, the least publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this Order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to Gideon Stiles, one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks Chairman

This petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the Fourth Tuesday of December A. D. 1838.

The Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order, makes his return as follows viz.   
Hampden sp. Oct. 18, 1838. I served the Town clerk of Springfield with an attested copy the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places, in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.



At which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners made their Report, as follows.  
 Hampden Co. November 21. 1838

The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also having published a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice as is set forth & required in said order, met at the time and place and for the purpose in said order mentioned; John Gould, a Special Commissioner, on being summoned, appeared in the place of James W. Brooks, one of the County Commissioners, who is an inhabitant of Springfield where said road is situated; and the board thus constituted, proceeded to view the several roads and routes for roads, in said petition described; and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested in said petition, who chose to be heard upon the subject of said petition said ~~County Commissioners~~, on motion of said petitioners adjourned and postponed the further consideration of said petition to the fourth Tuesday of December next, at the Court house in said Springfield at 10 O'clock in the forenoon

Gideon Stiles } County Commissioners  
 John Ward }

Hampden Co. County Commissioners meeting  
 December Term 1838

The County Commissioners, now acting on the foregoing petition on this fourth Tuesday of December 1838, order that the further consideration thereof be postponed and adjourned to the next regular meeting of the board to be held at the Court House in Springfield on the second Tuesday of April next at 10 O'clock in the forenoon.

And now, on this second Tuesday of April A. D. 1839, said Commissioners, acting on said petition, and having further heard all who chose to be heard in the matter of the same, adjudge that in their opinion common Convenience and necessity require that certain alterations, improvements and repairs should be made in said road as prayed for in said petition. And so report accordingly.

All which is submitted

Gideon Stiles } County Commissioners  
 John Ward }

Which report being read and considered, is accepted, and the alterations, improvements and repairs established as public highway



And this Petition was further continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1839 at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at Chapin's barbet house in Springfield on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August next at 9 O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said Petition and after locating to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy, will make return hereof, with his doings to Gideon Stiles, one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks, Chairman

This petition was further continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the First Tuesday of October, A.D. 1839 this Term.

The Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order, makes his return as follows viz.

Hampden Co. July 15. 1839

I have served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places, in said Town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice, Sheriff

And now, at this Term, the County Commissioners, make their report in the words and figures following, viz

Hampden Co. August 7. 1839

The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff, and also having caused to be published in a Newspaper printed in said County, according to the provisions of law in that behalf, an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof and stating the time place and purpose of the meeting, as required by



the within Order, met at the time and place therein mentioned, viz. Gideon Stiles and John Woods, County Commissioners and John Gould, Special Commissioner, in the place of J. W. Brooks, one of the County Commissioners, who was absent from the Board, by reason of interest, and being an inhabitant of Springfield, where said road is situate. And thus constituted, the Board proceeded to establish and lay out the alterations herein after mentioned, as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a Stake and Stones, on the West Side of the Robinson road, so called, and run thence S. 88° W. 120 rods to a Stake marked No. 2, near Ridge Hill. Thence S. 73° 45' W. 12 rods to Stake No. 3. Thence S. 43° W. Mr. Wright's land 70 rods to a pine tree marked No. 4. Thence S. 70° 1/2' W. 70 rods to a pitch pine tree marked No. 5. Then S. 82° W. 40 rods to a black Oak tree No. 6. Thence S. 87° E. — in the old road to Stake No. 7 106 rods. Thence S. 60° W. 92 rods to a large pitch pine tree marked No. 8. Thence S. 41° West to a large pitch pine tree, 200 rods, to pine tree marked No. 9. Thence S. 41° W. 78 rods to Stake No. 10. Thence S. 61° W. 30 rods to Stake No. 11. Thence S. 44° W. 64 rods to Stake No. 12. Thence S. 24° 1/2' W. 9 rods to Stake No. 13. Thence S. 10° W. 32 rods to a post marked No. 14. Thence S. 3 1/2° E. 33 rods to Stake No. 15. Thence S. 2 1/2° W. 23 rods to Stake No. 16. Thence S. 6° 45' E. to a tall pitch pine tree 32 rods, tree marked No. 17. Thence S. 7 1/2° E. 53 1/2 rods to an apple tree No. 18. Thence S. 36° W. 5 1/2 rods to Stake No. 19. Thence S. 78° 15' W. 48 rods to Stake No. 20. Thence S. 64 1/2° W. 16 rods to Stake No. 21. Thence S. 42 1/2° W. 14 1/2 rods to a white Oak tree, marked No. 21. All the Courses up to the Oak tree, are upon the South side of the way which is laid to this point, three rods wide. From the Oak tree the Course is run to the middle of the road North 33° W. 1 1/2 rods. Thence in the middle of the road which is laid from this point to the Chicopee River four rods wide. Thence S. 57° W. 11 rods 18 links. Thence S. 79° W. 15 rods 7 links. Thence S. 47 1/2° W. 11 rods 10 links. Thence S. 79° W. 10 rods. Thence S. 32 1/2° W. 12 rods 17 links. Thence S. 73° W. 10 rods 20 links to a Stake 2 rods from the river. The road is laid from the river six rods wide from this point to the south end of the abutment of the Bridge North 7° W. 36 rods and 15 links.

No person or Corporation claimed damages for lands taken in making said alteration and location, and none were allowed by the Commissioners.

In the construction of said road, the following particulars are to be observed, viz.

The path for travel is to be worked 20 feet wide exclusive of the ditches and the ground broken 30 feet wide, except along the bank of the river. All stumps are to be taken out before the road is shaped. along



the bank of the river, and on the clay hill, the width of the travel path is to be sufficient for the safe and convenient passing of teams: all hills and knolls are to be properly reduced and bridges, sluices and watercourses are to be made, where necessary.

Said road is to be made in a good and workmanlike manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of September, A.D. 1840.

All which is submitted

Gideon Stiles & Seal

John Ward & Seal

John Gould & Seal

County Commissioners

which Report being read and considered, is accepted and the way established as a highway.

To the County Commissioners of the County of  
Hampden

Geo Ashmun  
Petition

The Subscribers represent, that Bridge Street in Springfield, as it is now established and used is narrow and inconvenient; that the portion of it which is open to public use, between Main Street and Chestnut Street has never been established by any Competent authority, and that public Convenience and necessity require that said Street should be made wider, and the boundaries thereof fixed, and established by your Board. The subscribers therefore request, that You would take the necessary steps to widen and establish said road in such manner as may be deemed essential to the public interest.

Widen  
Bridge Street

(Signed) George Ashmun and Others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on and continued by the meeting held on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1838. The fourth Tuesday of January A.D. 1838, at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on Tuesday the 20 day of November next, at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the Prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also, Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the issue of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that



the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said Petition and the Order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town, an abstract, containing the substance of said Petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to Gideon Hiles one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks, Chairman

The foregoing Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of ~~June~~ <sup>October</sup> A.D. 1838.

At which meeting it was ordered That the Commissioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said Petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and Corporations interested therein and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity to proceed to locate the road, prayed for, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and Corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also Ordered, That notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said Petition, by publishing a copy of said Petition and this order thereon three weeks successively, in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said Petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said Petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to Gideon Hiles, one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks, Chairman

This Petition was continued ~~for the~~ meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of ~~December~~ <sup>December</sup> A.D. 1838.

The Sheriff of said County, pursuant to the foregoing Order, makes his return as follows, viz

Hampden Co. Oct. 18. 1838.

I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to Chorn; and also posted up



in two public places, in said Town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition  
C. Rice Sheriff

At which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows (viz):

Hampden Co. November 20<sup>th</sup> 1838,

The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also having caused a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing Order of notice to be published in a Newspaper printed in said County, as is set forth and required in said order of notice. Met at the time and place, and for the purpose mentioned in said Order of notice, and proceeded to view the roads set forth and described in said petition. And having viewed the same and heard all persons and Corporations interested therein, who chose to be heard in the premises, said Commissioners are of opinion, and so adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that certain alterations or improvements should be made in Bridge Street between the Bridge and Main Street; and that a highway be established between Main Street and Chestnut Street, at a point near the house of William Dwight. And so report accordingly.

James W. Brooks, one of the County Commissioners being an inhabitant of the Town of Springfield where said roads are situate, did not appear and act with the Board upon the matter of said petition. And John Gould, one of the Special Commissioners, being summoned, appeared and acted thereon in the place of said Brooks.

All which is submitted

Gideon Stiles }

John Ward }

John Gould }

County Commissioners

Special Commissioners

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted,

and the Highway established.

Friday of April 18<sup>th</sup> 1839 at which

And this petition was continued to the meeting held on the second meeting it was ordered that the County Commissioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition and after locating to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said



County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town, on abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to Sideon Stiles, one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

This Petition was continued to the meeting to be holden in line met.

The Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order makes this return as follows  
Hampden Sp. April 13. 1837.

I have served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition, and order of notice thereon by giving the same to him and also posted in two public places in said Town on abstract containing the substance of said petition.

H. Rice Sheriff

And now at this <sup>last mentioned</sup> meeting, the County Commissioners make their report in writing, as follows, viz.

Hampden Sp. May 11. 1837.

The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing Petition according to law in such case made and provided, as appears by the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and having also given notice, by publishing an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof, and stating the time place and purpose of the meeting in a newspaper printed in said County, as is particularly set forth and required in the foregoing order of said Commissioners. John Gould, one of the Special Commissioners on being summoned, appeared in the place of James W. Brooks one of the County Commissioners, who is interested being an inhabitant of said Springfield. And a Board thus constituted, met at the time and place in said Order and abstract mentioned, and proceeded to locate and establish a highway as follow, to wit

Beginning at a white Oak tree on the West side of Chestnut Street, and at its intersection with Bridge Street now established, and running thence S. 50° W. 63 rods 15 links to Main Street; and we have laid said highway 3 rods wide, and on the southerly side of the line run; the point where said line terminates, at Main



Steel, is 3 rods from the corner of Heratio Sargeant's do. Lord fence, receiving to said Sargeant the privilege of keeping his buildings where they now stand, during his pleasure. The owners of lands taken for said road relinquish all claims for damages, within the limits above described. And now at this meeting it being suggested by the petitioners that further time is necessary; on their motion the further consideration of said petition is ordered to be continued to the next June Term of said Commissioners, to be holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June next, at the Court House.

And now at the said June Term said petition and all further proceedings thereon are continued to the next Term of said Commissioners, to be holden at the Court House in Springfield on the first Tuesday of October next.

And at this Term of said Commissioners, holden as aforesaid, we have established said Highway as a public road, within the limits above run, and order said road to be worked in a proper manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners by the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of December next.

All which is submitted

Gideon Stiles Seal } County Comm.  
John Ward Seal }  
John Gould Seal Special Comm.

which report being read and considered is accepted

To the Hon. County Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
G. May et al  
Petition

The undersigned inhabitants of Holland and vicinity, beg leave to represent: That the County road Discontinuation leading from Mr Grover May's dwelling house in said of Road Holland north, about fifty rods to where it intersects the Holland old road leading from Mr Reuben Underwoods to say May's house, is located where it is of very little or no public convenience; the old road, avording a very bad hill, which in the County road is very expensive to keep in repair; and said old road cannot be discontinued without great inconvenience to the public; We therefore beg that you would view said County road and if thought expedient, discontinue the same, and as in duty bound shall ever pray

Holland, August 17. 1838

(Signed)

Grover May & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1838, and continued from Term to Term to the Term holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, A.D. 1839, at which meeting



it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if said road shall be adjudged to be not of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to discontinue the same as prayed for, and to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also, Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy serve the Town Clerk of Holland with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least; and post up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return thereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James M. Crooks, Chairman

The Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order, makes his return as follows, viz:

Hampden Co. Aug 23<sup>d</sup> 1839.

I served the Town Clerk of Holland with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places, in said Town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

This Petition was then further continued to this Term. And now, at this Term the County Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Hampden Co. September 25, 1839

The County Commissioners of said County having notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also, having published in a newspaper, printed in said County, a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as set forth in said order of notice, as the law in that behalf provides, met at the time and place in said order mentioned, and proceeded



to view the premises described in said petition, and having viewed the same and heard all persons and corporations interested, who desired to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, we were of opinion that public convenience and necessity required that said Road, between the termini therein mentioned be discontinued as a public highway, and we hereby discontinue the same accordingly.

All which is submitted

James M. Crooks

Gideon Stiles

John Ward

County Commissioners

Which Report being read and considered is accepted and the Way discontinued.

To the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

W. R. R.  
Petition

The petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation respectfully represent, That in the Year 1782, there was located and established a County Road leading from Miller's Mills / so called / in Westfield, upon the North Side of the Great River, leading past the now dwelling house of Polly Palmer, in Russell, and the dwelling house of Holly Clark in Russell, crossing the River near the dwelling house of Justin Loomis in Russell to the Town of Blandford. That since the location of said road, other Roads leading from Westfield to Blandford have been located and made, and the public travel upon and over a part of said road has been almost wholly discontinued. That a part of said Road has been suffered to be out of repair, and is now in a ruinous condition, and there is no bridge to accommodate the travel across the River, near the house of said Loomis. That the Feeder of the Hampshire and Hampden Canal was located upon and over a part of said Road and the path as now travelled is in many places wholly out of the place of location. That the Western Rail Corporation have located their Rail Road upon and over a part of said Road; that said County road cannot be repaired or altered without great expense to the Town of Russell and that public convenience does not require the same to be kept open.

to Discon-  
Roads  
Russell West-  
field

Your Petitioners therefore pray the Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises, and direct that the whole or a part of said County road, lying between a point in Westfield, fifty rods easterly of the line of the Town of Russell, to where it crosses the River near the house of Justin Loomis in Russell be



discontinued

(Signed) The Western Rail Road Corporation  
 By R. D. Morris their Attorney  
 Feb. 18. 1839.

The foregoing Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, on the third Monday of February, A. D. 1839, by adjournment from the fourth Tuesday of December A. D. 1838 at which meeting it was ordered that the said Commissioners meet at the house of Holly Clark in Russell on Monday the 29 day of April next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged not to be of Common Convenience and necessity to proceed to discontinue the road as prayed for and after discontinuing, to hear at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages unless for good cause shown the same shall be deferred.

Also Ordered, That notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputies serve the Town Clerk of Russell and Westfield each with a ~~per~~ attested copy of said petition, and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Towns of Russell and Westfield abstracts containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks, Chairman  
 The Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order makes his return as follows viz  
 Hampden Sp. March 27. 1839.

I have served the Town Clerks of Westfield and Russell each with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to them, and also posted in two public places in each of said Towns and abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen



days before the time of said meeting

C. Rice Sheriff

This petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. at which meeting the County Commissioners make this Report in writing, as follows viz.

Hampden Co. April 29, 1839

The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by causing a copy of said Petition, together with the foregoing order of notice stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting of said Commissioners to be published in a newspaper printed in said County according to the provisions of law in that behalf and as is required in said order of notice, in conformity with said notice so given and said order so published met at the time and place and for the purpose in said order of notice mentioned, and proceeded to view the road set forth and described in said petition, R. D. Morris Esq. appeared on behalf of the Western Rail Road Corporation, as agent for the same, And John Gould, James Bishop, and Justin Loomis Esquires as agents for the town of Russell, and having viewed the premises and heard all persons and corporations interested in the subject matter of said petition, who chose to be heard thereon, said Commissioners were of opinion and so adjudge, that common convenience and necessity do not require that said road between the termini mentioned in said Petition should be continued as a public highway, and that the same, on due notice may be discontinued and so report accordingly.

At which is submitted

James W. Crooks }  
Gideon Stiles } County Commissioners  
John Ward }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted  
At which last meeting the following Order  
was passed. On the petition of the Western Rail Road  
Corporation, representing that a part of the old County  
Road, leading from Great River Bridge in Westfield  
on the North Side of the River, to near the house  
of Justin Loomis in Russell, is not required for  
the public convenience; and a part of the same  
viz. from a point in Westfield about fifty rods  
Easterly of the line of the Town of Russell, to a  
point on the North Side of the river opposite the

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house of said Towns and near the South end of the ledge, having been adjudged by said County Commissioners not to be of common convenience and necessity, and required for public travel; Ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house lately occupied by Holly Clark 2<sup>d</sup> in Russell on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August next at 11 O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to discontinue the way as in said petition prayed for; and to hear all persons and corporations interested on the subject of damages

This petition was then continued to this meeting and now at this meeting the report is accepted and the Road discontinued

At which last meeting it was Ordered, That the Commissioners meet at the House lately occupied by Holly Clark 2<sup>d</sup> in Russell, on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August next at 11 O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to discontinue a Road according to the prayer of said petition and after discontinuing to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerks of Russell & Westfield, each with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting

James W. Brooks, Chairman  
And this petition was continued to this meeting

The Sheriff of said County,  
in pursuance of the foregoing order makes his return as follows viz  
Hampden Co. July 8<sup>th</sup> 1834.

I have served the Town Clerks of Russell and Westfield each with an attested copy of the petition



aforsaid and Order of Notice thereon, by leaving the same at their usual place of abode and also posted up in two public places in each of said Towns an abstract, containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

And now at this ~~meeting~~ the County Commissioners make this Report in writing, as follows.

Hampden St. August 7. 1834.

The County Commissioners of said County having given due and reasonable notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by causing to be published in a newspaper printed in said County an abstract, containing the substance of said petition and stating the time, place and purpose of this meeting, as is set forth in the foregoing Order, met at the time and place in said order mentioned and as contained in said abstract so published according to the provisions of law in that behalf and proceeded to examine said Road, for the purpose of discontinuing the same, as prayed for in said petition John Gould, James Bishop and Justin Loomis, appeared in behalf of the Town of Russell. R. D. Morris in behalf of the Western Rail Road Corporation. No person appeared on behalf of the Town of Westfield.

And now said Commissioners, having heard all persons and Corporations interested, who were present and desired to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition and the objects of said meeting, and also having heard all persons and Corporations who in like manner desired to be heard upon the subject of damages according to their adjudication on a view of the premises heretofore had, hereby discontinue said Road between the following termini to wit. from a point on the river bank opposite said Loomis dwelling Home and near the south end of the Sledge commencing where a part of said road was discontinued by a former Board of Commissioners for said County, and extending to the east line of land of Chauncy Morse, called Moses' Field in the Town of Westfield, at or near the foot of Bounty Hill, so called. And said Commissioners have assessed and allowed damages, as follows, to wit To George Shinn Sixty Dollars

To Sam Shinn Twenty dollars

To John Shinn Twenty dollars



no other person or Corporation, in the opinion of  
Said Commissioners, was injured by such discontinuance  
and no further damages allowed.  
And Said Commissioners, accordingly hereby discontinue  
Said Road, between the termini before mentioned, lying  
partly in the Town of Westfield, and so report  
accordingly. All which is submitted

James W. Brooks & Seal  
Gideon Stiles & Seal  
John Ward & Seal } County Commissioners

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted  
and the way discontinued.

W. R. R. Cor.

Petition  
for  
alteration  
of Road  
in Russell

To the Hon Board of County Commissioners  
of the County of Hampden  
The Petition of the Western Rail Road  
Corporation respectfully represents, that their Rail Road  
as located in the Town of Russell in said County  
passes upon and across the County road, leading from  
the fording place across the Westfield near the house  
of Justice Loomis in Russell, down the northerly  
side of said River, past the house of Holly Clark &  
towards to the Montgomery road in Westfield, East of  
of Tekoa Mountain in a manner inconvenient and  
dangerous to the public travel, and the course of  
said County Road may be altered in various places  
without injury thereto, by altering the same to cross  
the Rail Road at the same grade in several places  
between said fording place, and the house of Holly  
Clark, & also by turning the same more  
southerly and more northerly, near the farm of  
Alfred S. Bishop or Bartlett, and crossing the River  
by a Ferry or in some other manner, at the Pond  
or at or near Salmon Falls, to the Turnpike  
passing upon Lands of Bartlett Alfred S. Bishop  
And Your petitioners think proper to alter the same  
accordingly either in the whole or in part. Your  
petitioners therefore pray the Commissioners, after due  
notice to view the premises and direct the manner  
in which said Road shall be made, and have  
such other proceedings on the premises as the Law  
requires

The Western Rail Road Corporation  
By R. D. Morris

The foregoing petition was entered  
at a meeting of the County Commissioners  
holden at Springfield on the Fourth Tuesday  
of December A. D. 1838. and continued  
from meeting to meeting to this meeting



And now at this meeting of the County Commissioners  
this Petition is Dismissed

To the Hon. the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
Selectmen of Westfield

The petition of the Subscribers selectmen of the Town of Westfield in said County, humbly shews, That the public convenience requires that the existing Highway from the home of Lemuel's Bortlett to the Home of Ira Parsons Jr. in said Westfield, being a part of the highway leading from Northampton to Hartford through Westfield, should be altered so as to cross the river at such point between the site of the old bridge and the aqueduct as the Commissioners shall think most suitable.

Your petitioners further shew, that if the alteration above prayed for should be made, the public convenience will require the location of a new road running from the place where the road as altered shall cross the river, commencing upon or a little south of the river bank, easterly to Meadow Street in said Westfield.

They therefore pray you to view and if you shall deem it expedient to alter the highway as aforesaid first above mentioned and locate the new road last mentioned and discontinue such part of the present road, as shall be unnecessary, and as in duty bound will ever pray.

April 9. 1839

(Signed)

Ashbel Dewey }  
Orin Cowles }  
David Mosely } Selectmen of Westfield

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April A.D. 1839. at which meeting it was

Ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the house of J. M. Parsons in Westfield on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication



to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks, Chairman  
This Petition was continued to the meeting holden on the Fourth Tuesday of June A. D. and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order, makes his return as follows viz  
Hampton ss. April 16. 1839.

I have served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

J. Rice Sheriff

At which meeting the County Commissioners make their report in writing, as follows, viz  
Hampton ss. May 17. 1839.

The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff and also by causing a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the time place and purpose of the meeting of said Commissioners to be published in a newspaper printed in said County, according to the provisions of law, in that behalf provided, in conformity with said order so published, met at the time, place and for the purpose therein mentioned, and proceeded to view the premises in said petition described; and having viewed the same and heard all persons and Corporations interested, who chose to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, said Commissioners were of opinion and accordingly do now adjudge, that Common Convenience and necessity require that the Prayer of said petition should be granted: that certain alterations should be made in the roads between the termini mentioned in said petition, and that after said alterations shall have been made and said roads worked and accepted by said Commissioners, certain



parts of the Old roads may be discontinued, and so report accordingly.

All which is submitted

James W. Crooks }  
Gideon Stiles } County Commissioners.  
John Ward }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted.

At which last mentioned meeting it was <sup>ordered</sup> Ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the House of J. M. Parsons in Westfield on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August next, at 8 O'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition and this Order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks, Chairman  
and this petition was further continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order, makes his return as follows, viz.

Hampden ss. July 8<sup>th</sup> 1839.

I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

P. C. Rice Sheriff

At which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows, viz.

Hampden ss. August 8<sup>th</sup> 1839.

The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition, according



The words "Crossing the river and from the river N 30° 15' E" are contained in the Commissioners report and should be inserted at the place marked #

to the provisions of law in that behalf, as appears by the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and also by causing to be published in a newspaper printed in said County, an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as is particularly set forth and described in said order and abstract, met at the time and place in said Order and abstract mentioned and proceeded to locate and establish a Highway and make, locate and establish certain alterations in the highway described in said petition as follows, to wit

\* Beginning at the North East Corner post of Hernan Gackett's door yard fence, and run N. 24° 30' E. 16 rods 15 links to a stake and stone. Then westerly at right angles one rod and a half. Then N 21° E. 6½ Rods to the place designated for a stone abutment, South Side of the Great River. The last named distance the road is to be six rods wide. Then N 19° E. 7 Rods 19 links to the Pochosick road, same course crossing the said last mentioned road 15 rods 17 links. Then N. 47° 30' E. 29 rods to the road that leads to Montgomery up Willers Hill. The line is run on the westerly side of the road as altered, located and established and on the North side of the River, it is laid three rods wide, from the river to said Montgomery road. Reserving to Horace Noble, his heirs and assigns the right and privilege of maintaining and using the Dam across said river, and of repairing or altering the same at pleasure, with liberty to enter the premises so far as it may be necessary therefor. Provided that in repairing or rebuilding said dam, no injury shall be done to any pier or abutment that may be erected on the premises for the construction and maintenance of a Bridge: And provided, also, that in constructing such abutment or pier on or near the North side of the River, the Water passage or flume shall not be diverted or changed from the present channel. Reserving, also, to said Noble, his heirs, and assigns the right and privilege of keeping and maintaining his Saw mill, a part of which stands on the East side of the road as located, during the Term of three Years. All the land on the South side of the River, lying between the old road and the present location is taken and established as highway; the location on the South side of the river, being six rods in width, is narrowed and reduced in crossing the River to three rods on the North side as above mentioned. And we have located and



established the same within the above described limits, as  
and for a public highway. After locating the same, we  
heard all persons and Corporations interested, who desired  
to be heard upon the subject of damages. We assessed  
and allowed damages for the lands and tenements so  
taken, as follows to wit.

To Herman Sacket One Dollar

" Thomas B. Green Fifty Two dollars, with the <sup>right and</sup> privilege  
of keeping and maintaining his home  
on the premises, three Cents.

To Wigan Hull, Three hundred and thirty five dollars

" " Sideon Pomeroy Jr. and Harriet Pomeroy, his wife in  
her right One hundred thirty One Dollars

To Horace Noble Eleven hundred fifty Dollars together  
with the privileges above reserved

To William Noble Three dollars

" Lyman Smith thirty seven dollars

" Elijah Sacket and Cynthia Sacket his wife in her  
right, One hundred thirty One dollars, and to

" Consider B. Mallory, Seventy five Dollars.

Said road is to be constructed in a permanent  
and substantial manner, to the acceptance of the  
County Commissioners, by the first day of Sep-  
tember 1840, and in the construction of the same  
the following particulars, are to be observed.

The travel path is to be 22 feet wide, and to be  
well raised, and made sufficiently crowning  
that the water may pass directly into the ditches.

The entire road is to be brought as near a uniform  
grade, including the passage at each end of the  
bridge, as is conveniently practicable. All sandy  
places are to be properly hardened with suitable  
materials and substantial railing placed whenever  
required for the safety of the traveller, and in all  
other respects said road is to be constructed in a  
good and workmanlike manner, and to the acceptance  
of the Commissioners as aforesaid, by the first of  
September in the Year Eighteen hundred and forty.  
No other person or Corporation claimed damages,  
than those above named, and none allowed

All which is submitted,

James W. Brooks & Seal } County  
Sideon Stiles & Seal } Commis  
John Ward & Seal } sioners

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted  
and the way adjudged as a Highway.



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To the County Commissioners of the County of  
Hampden.

D. Parks et al

In consequence of the laying of a Town  
Petition road from near the Barn of David Parks in  
discontinuing Blandford to the Pine Hill road so called, the county  
Road in road from near the house of Hazard Stye in said  
Blandford, Blandford to the Town road leading past the house  
of John Parks has become unnecessary. We the  
Subscribers, therefore pray that the Commissioners  
would view said road, and discontinue the same  
should it be thought expedient.

April 7<sup>th</sup>. 1839

Signed David Parks &amp; others

The foregoing Petition was entered at a  
meeting of the County Commissioners holden  
at Springfield, on the second ~~Thursday~~ day of April A.D. 1839  
and continued to the meeting holden on the fourth  
Tuesday of June A.D. 1839, at which meeting it was  
ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house  
of David Parks in Blandford on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>  
day of September next, at 1 O'clock in the afternoon  
for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the  
prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear  
all persons and corporations interested therein; and if  
said road shall be adjudged to be not of common  
convenience and necessity, to proceed to discontinue  
the same as prayed for, and to hear, at said place  
of meeting, all persons and corporations interested  
upon the subject of damages.

Also Ordered, That notice be given to all persons  
and corporations interested in said petition by pub-  
lishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon  
three weeks successively in the Hampden Post a news-  
paper printed in said County, the last publication  
to be fourteen days at least before the time of said  
meeting. And it is further Ordered, that the

Sheriff of said County or his deputy serve the Town  
Clerk of Blandford with an attested copy of said  
petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least,  
and post up in two public places in said Town, an  
abstract containing the substance of said petition  
fourteen days at least, before the time of said  
meeting. The Sheriff of said County or his deputy  
will make return hereof with his doings to the  
Chairman of said Commissioners at or before  
the time of said meeting

James W. Brooks, Chairman



This petition was continued to this meeting and  
The Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the fore-  
going order, makes his return as follows.

Hampden ss. Aug. 8 1839.

I served the Town Clerk of Blandford with an attested  
copy of the petition aforesaid and order of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> same thereon  
by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also  
posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract  
containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff.

And now, at this meeting, the County Commis-  
sioners make their Report in writing as follows.

Hampden ss. September 11. 1839.

The County Commissioners of said County  
having given notice to all persons and Corporations  
interested in the foregoing petition of the Sheriff of  
said County, and also having caused to be published  
in a Newspaper printed in said County, a copy  
of said petition, together with the foregoing order  
stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting  
as the law in that behalf requires, met at the  
time and place mentioned in said Order and  
proceeded to view the premises described in said  
petition, and having viewed the same and fully  
heard all persons and Corporations interested in the  
subject matter of said petition who desired to be heard  
therein, said Commissioners were of opinion that  
common convenience and necessity required that said  
Road should be discontinued, between the termini,  
therein stated and that the same is no longer neces-  
sary for the public accommodation. And we  
hereby Discontinue the same as a public highway  
as prayed for in said petition.

All which is submitted.

James W. Brooks }  
Gideon Stiles } County Commissioners  
John Ward }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted  
and the Road discontinued.

To the Hon the Board of County Comm- W. R. R.  
missioners of the County of Hampden Petition.

The petition of the Western Rail Road alteration  
Corporation respectfully represents, that they have Highway  
laid out and located their Rail Road in the Chester  
Town of Chester in said County, and that the  
highway leading from Stephens' Tavern in  
Chester to the House of Daniel Root in Middlefield  
is crossed by their Rail Road in two places in



Chester, viz near the House of Elijah Hunter, and also near the Bridge east of Daniel Root; and they propose altering the course of said highway for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, by turning the same a little more southerly near the House of Elijah Hunter and crossing the Rail Road more at right angles passing upon land conveyed to said Corporation by Elijah Hunter for that purpose and also turning said highway more southerly East of Daniel Root, and crossing the Rail Road with a less embankment passing upon land of Eliakim Root of Middlefield in the County of Hampshire.

They therefore pray the County Commissioners after due notice to view the premises and direct the manner in which such alteration should be made, provided they shall be of opinion that such alteration will not essentially injure said Highway, and estimate the amount of damages if any sustained, by the said Elkanah Root, thereby, according to Law.

Dated the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 1839.

The Western R. R. Corp<sup>n</sup>

By Geo. Bliss Agt.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Chester in the County of Hampden

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Chester, in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from Stephens Tavern in Chester, to the house of Daniel Root in Middlefield and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz. 1<sup>st</sup> by turning the same more westerly near the house of Elijah Hunter and passing the Rail Road more at right angles, passing upon land purchased by said Corporation of Elijah Hunter, for that purpose; and also, by turning the same more westerly southerly of Daniel Root, passing the Rail Road on a less embankment, so that the same as altered will pass over lands of Elkanah Root, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered.

You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Henry's Tavern in Chester, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July next, at 2 o'clock P.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.



Per Order

James W. Brooks, Chairman

June 26. A. D. 1839

I certify that I have given to Stevens one of the Selectmen of Chester, a true and attested copy of this Notification.

July 2. 1839

R. D. Morris

To Root of Middlefield in the County of Hampshire. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Chester, in said County of Hampshire so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from Stevens Tavern in Chester to the Home of Daniel Root in Middlefield, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz by turning the same more westerly and passing the Rail Road with a high embankment, so that the same as altered will pass over your lands in Chester, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered.

You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Henry's Tavern in Chester on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July next at 8 O'clock A.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order,

James W. Brooks, Chairman

June 26. A. D. 1839.

I certify that I have left at the usual place of abode of said Root, a true and attested copy of this notification.

July 2. 1839

R. D. Morris.

Hampden Co. July 10<sup>th</sup> 1839.

The County Commissioners of said County having given reasonable notice to the Inhabitants of the Town of Chester, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation, by serving Isaac Stevens, one of the Selectmen of said Town with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, as appears by a copy of said abstract on file and hereto annexed, met the said inhabitants by the said Stevens and Wm. Movie, two of the Selectmen of said Town, and also R. D. Morris agent of said petitioners, at Henry's Tavern in Chester on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July at 2 O'clock in the afternoon and proceeded to view the premises and the proposed alterations of said Roads mentioned



in said Petition, and having viewed the same, and heard the said Selectmen, and also said Morris fully, in the premises, we have located and established one alteration as follows, to wit.

Beginning against the South easterly line of Daniel Bigelow's land on the Westerly line of the old road, and the Easterly line of the Western Rail Road and turning the same Westerly, crossing the Rail Road at right angles therewith, and at the same grade thereof, and running to a point 3 rods Westerly of the Westerly line of the Rail Road; thence southerly parallel to the Rail Road and 3 rods distant therefrom, about by rods to land of Timothy Hay, the west line of the old road. And we located the road 3 rods wide on the easterly side of said line and between the rail road and said line, upon and over land conveyed to said Rail Road Corporation, by Elijah Hunter; No damages are claimed, and none allowed for lands so taken.

And we have also established one other alteration as prayed for in said petition as follows, to wit.

Beginning at the centre line of the Western Rail Road at Station No 1374-74, and run Southerly upon a Curve, bearing Westerly and entering the old Pontrosuc Turnpike road at a point  $5\frac{1}{2}$  rods southerly of the southerly line of the Rail Road, crossing the Rail Road at the same grade; and we have located said alteration, and established said road 3 rods wide on the East side of said running and nearly the whole way on the West side of the old road as now made by said Corporation, according to plan. The said Rail Road Corporation are required to construct said roads in a substantial and workmanlike manner.

And also having giving seasonable notice to Eliakim Root, named in the foregoing petition, by serving him with an abstract of such parts of said petition, as concerns him, as by the copy thereof on file and hereunto annexed appears, we met the said Root and also the said Morris, on this same 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, A.D. 1839 and proceeded to view the premises of the said Root described in said petition above mentioned, and having fully heard the petitioners by their said Agent, and also the said Root, in the premises, we have appraised the damages which the said Root will suffer by the alteration of said Road upon his said



lands at the sum of Twenty One Dollars.

All which is submitted

James W. Brooks }  
Gideon Stites } County Commissioners  
John Ward }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted  
and the alterations allowed and established

To the Hon Board of County Commissioners of W. R. R. Co.  
the County of Hampden

Petition

The petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation Borrowing  
respectfully represents, That in constructing their Rail Road Earth, &c.  
in the Town of Chester, in said County, and for the purchase Chester  
of cutting, and embankments and procuring Stone, gravel, Dewey  
and other materials and for the proper construction and security  
of the road, it is necessary for them to take earth, gravel  
and other materials from a tract of Land of John  
Dewey of said Chester lying on the Southernly Side of the  
West branch of Westfield River; and on the Easternly  
Side of the Rail Road, and adjoining said road; and  
that they have not been able to obtain the same by  
voluntary agreement with said Dewey. They therefore  
pray the Commissioners, after due notice, to view  
the premises and prescribe the limits within which  
the same shall be taken, and estimate the sum to  
be paid therefor. Dated at Springfield the 28<sup>th</sup> day  
of June A.D. 1839

The Western Rail Road Corpor<sup>a</sup>

By R. D. Morris, their atty.

To John Dewey of Chester, in the County of  
Hampden.

Whereas the Western Rail Road  
Corporation have presented their petition to the  
County Commissioners of said County, setting forth  
that they have located their Rail Road in the Town  
of Chester, in said County, and for the purpose of  
cuttings and embankments and procuring Stone,  
gravel, and other materials for the construction  
and security of said road, it is necessary for  
them to take the same from your lands in  
Chester, without the limits of said road, and  
within the limits of their charter, viz East of said  
road, and adjoining thereto, which lands are par-  
ticularly described in said petition on file, and  
further representing that they have not been able to  
obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and  
requesting the Commissioners to view the premises  
and estimate the amount of damages, if any,  
sustained by you thereby.



You are hereby notified that the commissioners will meet for that purpose at Henry's Tavern in Chester on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July inst at 11 o'clock A.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject

Per Order

July 1. A. D. 1834.

James W. Brooks, Chairman

I certify that I have given to John Dewey, a copy of this notice - July 2. 1834

R. D. Morris

Hampden ss. July 10<sup>th</sup> 1834.

The County Commissioners of said County, having given Seasonable notice to John Dewey, named in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation, by serving him with an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof, and stating the time place and purpose of the meeting; a copy whereof with a certificate of such service is on file, and herunto annexed; met the said Dewey on this day at Henry's Tavern in Chester, as stated in said abstract, and also, R. D. Morris Esq agent of said Corporation, and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition; and having received the same and heard all persons and corporations interested therein, to wit, said Dewey and the Petitioners, and having prescribed the limits within which earth, stone, gravel and other materials for the purposes mentioned in said petition, may be taken by said corporation, as by plan of the lands, on file, and herunto annexed, we have appraised and estimated the damages, which the said Dewey will suffer by reason of the taking or borrowing such earth and materials from his said lands, at the sum of One Dollar for each square Rod of ground, from which the same shall be so taken. And the said corporation are required to take the same from knolls and the highest part of the ground, and not to dig or excavate deeper than the general average and grade of the lot along the North side of the Rail Road; and to leave the same in as good shape as may be practicable and convenient for use and cultivation, after said earth, gravel, stone, &c. are removed.

All which is submitted

James W. Brooks

Gideon Stiles

John Ward

County Commissioners

Which Report being read and considered is accepted.



To the Hon the Board of County Commissioners of the W.R.R.C.  
County of Hampden Petition

The petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation, respectfully represents, That they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land owned or claimed by Russell Hawley of Russell in said County of Hampden, which said land is situated in the Town of Blandford in Russell and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is bounded easterly on land of Charles Tinton and westerly on land of Symon Parks, and is described as follows, viz. Beginning by land of Charles Tinker at a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods easterly of the true centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track and run northerly parallel to said centre line 63 rods to land of Symon Parks. Then westerly by land of Symon Parks 83 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods westerly of said centre line. Then southerly as follows, viz. parallel to said centre line 194 feet. Then 100 feet to a point 65 feet from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 280 feet; then 100 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then 120 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 210 feet, to land of Charles Tinker; then easterly by land of said Tinker 104 feet to the place of beginning, containing two acres fifty seven rods.

Also they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Symon Parks of Russell in said County, which land is situated in said Russell; and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is bounded southeasterly on land of Russell Hawley, and northwesterly on the Westfield River, and is described as follows, viz. Beginning by land of Russell Hawley at a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods easterly of the true centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track and run northerly as follows, viz. parallel to said centre line 416 feet; then 100 feet to a point 50 feet from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 100 feet; then 100 feet to a point 56 feet from said centre line; then 300 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 200 feet; then 100 feet to a point 50 feet from said centre line; then 50 feet to a point 50 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 600 feet; then 100 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line; then 60 feet



to a point 70 feet from said centre line, to the River; then westerly by the river 210 feet to a point 80 feet westerly of said centre line; then southerly as follows viz 100 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 45 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 90 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 110 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 125 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 110 feet from said centre line; then 115 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 150 feet; then 100 feet to a point 55 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 50 feet from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 100 feet; then 100 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 100 feet; then 150 feet to a point 65 feet from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 100 feet; then 100 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then 140 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line, by land of Russell Hawley then Easterly by land of Russell Hawley about five rods to the place of beginning, containing five acres One hundred thirteen rods of land.

Also, they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across land of Syman Brady of Russell in said County; which land is situated in said Russell, bounded southerly on the river or land conveyed to said Corporation by David Parks; and northerly on land of Lydia Andrus; and that part thereof so taken for said road is described as follows, viz Beginning at the River by the Rocks, at a point 50 feet Easterly of the true centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track, and run northerly as follows viz 60 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 100 feet; then 100 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 114 feet to land of Lydia Andrus; then westerly by Lydia Andrus, 100 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods westerly of said centre line; then southerly as follows, viz, parallel to said centre line 145 feet; then 100 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 100 feet; then 110 feet to the River, to the point 45 feet from said centre line; then easterly by the River to the place of beginning, containing one hundred and fifty rods of land.

Also, they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of



Hermon Lindsey of Blandford in said County of Hampshire  
which land is situated partly in Montgomery and partly in  
Blandford in said County, and is bounded South Easterly  
on land of Edward Taylor; and Northwesterly on the East  
Branch of Westfield River; and that part thereof so taken  
for said Road is described as follows, viz

Beginning by land of Edward Taylor at a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$   
rods North easterly of the true centre line of the Rail Road  
as located for a double track, and run northwesterly  
parallel to said centre line 3110 feet; then 100 feet to a  
point 50 feet from said centre line; then 80 feet to a  
point 50 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to  
a point 50 feet from said centre line; then parallel  
to said centre line 100 feet; then 100 feet to a point  
60 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point  
 $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then parallel to said  
centre line 100 feet; then 100 feet to a point 50 feet  
from said centre line; then parallel to said  
centre line 125 feet to the River; then southerly  
by the river 234 feet to a point 50 feet South  
westerly of said centre line; then South easterly  
on at corner as follows, viz parallel to said centre  
line 124 feet; then 100 to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from  
said centre line; then parallel to said centre line  
3580 feet to land of Edward Taylor; then north-  
easterly by land of said Taylor 85 feet to the  
place of beginning. containing seven acres, ninety  
eight rods of land

Also, they have laid out and located their  
Rail Road upon and across the Land of Leonard  
Williams of Norwich in the County of Hampshire,  
which land is situated in Blandford in the County of  
Hampden and that part thereof so taken for said  
road is bounded South easterly on the east branch  
of Westfield River; and Northwesterly on the line of the  
Town of Norwich and is described as follows, viz Be-  
ginning by said river at a point 50 feet North easterly  
of the true centre line of the Rail Road as located  
for a double track, and run Northwesterly as follows;  
viz. 100 feet to a point 78 feet from said centre line;  
then 100 feet to a point 110 feet from said centre  
line; then 100 feet to a point 70 feet from said  
centre line; then 100 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from  
said centre line; then parallel to said centre line  
about 880 feet to Norwich line; then westerly by Norwich  
line, about ninety feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods South  
westerly of said centre line, at right angles; then  
South easterly as follows, viz parallel to said centre  
line about 420 feet; then 100 feet to a point 70 feet



from said Centre line against Station 1087-42; then 100 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 500 feet to land of Elijah Rice; then by land of said Rice 180 feet to the river; then Northeasterly by the River 60 feet to the place of beginning, containing two acres one hundred and seventeen rods.

Also they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Elijah Rice situated in said county of Hampshire, which land is situated in Blandford in said county, being the South easterly corner of his Grotto Lot, so called, and that portion thereof so taken for said Road is bounded Northerly on land of Leonard Williams, and South Easterly on the East branch of Westfield river, and is described as follows, viz. Beginning by the River at a point 50 feet South Westerly of the centre line of the River Road as located for a double track and run Southwesterly as follows, viz. parallel to said centre line 120 feet; then 140 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line to land of Leonard Williams; then South Easterly by land of said Williams 180 feet to the River; then southerly by the river 105 feet to the place of beginning, containing twenty nine rods of land.

Also they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across one other tract of Land of said Elijah Rice, situated in Chester, being a part of his Home Lot, easterly on land of Daniel Collins, and Westerly on land of Widow Abigail Collins, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz. Beginning by land of Daniel Collins, at a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods Northerly of the centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track, and run westerly parallel to said centre line 93 feet, to land of Abigail Collins; then Southerly on land of Abigail Collins 92 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods southerly of said centre line; then easterly parallel to said centre line 234 feet to land of Daniel Collins; then northerly by land of Daniel Collins 140 feet to the place of beginning containing fifty one rods of land.

Also, they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Pearly Cook of Chester in said County. Which land is situated in said Chester, on the <sup>South</sup> side of the West branch of Westfield river, and that part thereof so taken for said road is bounded Easterly on land of Martin Phelps, and Westerly on land



of Daniel Johnson Jr. being a strip across his farm one hundred and seventy eight rods in length on the centre line thereof, and including five rods wide, viz. two and a half rods upon each side of the true centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track, containing five acres fifty seven rods.

Also, they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Daniel Johnson, Jr. of Chester in said County, which land is situated in said Chester, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is bounded easterly on land of Pearly Cook, and Westerly on land of Abel Babcock, and is described as follows, viz. Beginning by land of said Cook at a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods Northerly of the true centre line of the Rail Road, as located for a double track, and run Westerly parallel to said centre line 2854 feet to land of Abel Babcock; then by land of Abel Babcock 196 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods Southwesterly of the said centre line; then easterly as follows, viz. parallel to said centre line 2245 feet; then 100 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line; then 130 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then 583 feet parallel to said centre line to land of Pearly Cook; then Northerly by said Cook, 85 feet to the place of beginning, containing five acres.

Also, they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across a tract of land claimed by John Sisk, of Chester, in said County lying in said Chester, on the Westerly side of Westfield River, and bounding Southerly on land of Abel Babcock, and Northwesterly on land of Samuel Sanderson, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz. Beginning by land of said Babcock at a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods easterly of the true centre line of the Rail Road, as located for a double track; and run Northerly and Westerly on a curve parallel to said centre line, about One hundred Eighty eight rods to the Chester Turnpike; then by the Turnpike about 464 feet to land of Samuel Sanderson; then Southwesterly by land of Samuel Sanderson, about 36 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods Southwesterly of said centre line; then easterly and Southerly on a curve parallel to said centre line 1160 feet; then 100 feet to a point 55 feet from said centre line, against Station 1280; then parallel to said centre line 100 feet; then 100 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line, about



164 rods to land of said Babcock; then easterly by said Babcock's land five rods to the place of beginning containing six acres, ninety one rods.

Also, they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across a tract of land lying in Chester in said County, of Hampden, owned and claimed by Reuben S. Bowers, of said Chester, and that part thereof so taken for said Road is bounded southeasterly on land of said Corporation, and northwesterly on land occupied by Abner Smith, and is described as follows, viz. Beginning by land of said Corporation at a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods northeasterly of the centre line of the Rail Road, as located for a double track on the easterly side of the Turnpike and run northwesterly across the Turnpike as follows, viz. parallel to said centre line 700 feet, to land occupied by said Smith; then southwesterly by land occupied by said Smith 100 feet to a point 60 feet southwesterly of said centre line; then south easterly as follows, viz. 90 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  Rods from said Centre line; then parallel to said centre line 720 feet to the Turnpike; then North Easterly across the Turnpike 135 feet to the North west corner of land conveyed to said Corporation by Zebina Leonard; then easterly by land of said Corporation 10 feet to the place of beginning. Containing, exclusive of the Turnpike Road, one acre and eighteen rods of land.

Also they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across one other tract of land, claimed by said Reuben Powers, situated in said Chester and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is bounded south easterly and north westerly on land of Samuel Gibbs, occupied by Abner Smith, and is described as follows, viz. Beginning by land occupied by said Smith, at a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods Easterly of said centre line, and run northwesterly parallel to said centre line 166 feet to land occupied by said Smith; then south westerly by land occupied by said Smith; then south westerly by land occupied by said Smith, twenty feet to the Turnpike Road; then South easterly by the Turnpike road 165 feet, to land occupied by said Smith; then easterly by land occupied by said Smith, 50 feet to the place of beginning containing twelve rods of land.

Also, for the purpose of cuttings and embankments and procuring earth, stone and gravel and other materials, and for the construction and security of their Road, it is necessary for them to take earth, stone and gravel and other materials



from a tract of land claimed by said Bowers, easterly of the Rail Road lying surrounded by the farm occupied by Abner Smith; and also to change the western course leading across the same, for the proper security of said Road, within the limits of their road.

Also they have laid out and located their Rail Road a tract of land lying in said Chester in which Samuel Gibbs of Blandford in said county, and Abner Smith of Chester in said county have, or claim an interest; and that part thereof so taken for said Road is bounded as follows viz South easterly on land of Reuben Bowers and northwesterly on land claimed by Thomas Jackson; and particularly described as follows viz Beginning by land of Reuben S. Bowers, at a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods North easterly of the true centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track and run northwesterly as follows viz 250 feet to a point  $1\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 1080 feet to a point against Station 1400; then 75 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line, by land of Thomas Jackson; then south westerly by land of said Jackson 100 feet to a point 60 feet southwesterly of said centre line; then southeasterly as follows, viz 75 feet to a point  $3\frac{1}{2}$  rods southwesterly of centre line; then parallel to said centre line 600 feet to the South Westerly side of the Turnpike, against Station No 1394; then 100 feet to a point 72 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point  $3\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 50 feet; then 74 feet to a point 90 feet from said centre line, against Station No 1390.75; then 200 feet to a point 80 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet parallel to said centre line, to land of Reuben S. Bowers; then north easterly by land of said Bowers 101 feet to the place of beginning containing One Acre one hundred and forty three rods exclusive of the Turnpike road, which land is subject to the easement of the Chester Turnpike passing across a part of the same.

Also, for the purpose of cuttings and embankments and for procuring earth, stone and gravel, and other materials for the construction and security of their Rail Road it is necessary for them to take earth and stone and gravel and other materials from a tract of land, claimed by said Gibbs and Smith, or one of them, lying in said Chester, northerly of the Rail Road on the farm occupied by said Smith, and within the limits of their charter, and without the limits



of their Road; and also to turn the Channel of the  
Rice Way, for the proper security of the road.

Also, they have laid out and located their Rail  
Road upon and across a tract of land lying in  
Chester, claimed by Thomas Jackson, and also  
claimed by The Inhabitants of the Town of Chester  
and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road  
is bounded Southeasterly on the farm occupied by abner  
Smith, and northerly by the Chester Turnpike, and de-  
scribed as follows, viz Beginning by the Smith farm  
at a point 58 feet South Westerly of the Centre line of the  
Rail Road, as located for a double track and run  
North westerly as follows, viz, 22 feet to a point 60 feet  
from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods  
from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line  
100 feet; then 100 feet to a point 90 feet from said centre  
line; then 100 feet to a point 75 feet from said centre  
line; then 100 feet to a point 65 feet from said centre  
line; then 100 feet to a point 55 feet from said centre  
line; then 100 feet to a point 50 feet from said centre  
line; then 100 feet to a point 45 feet from said centre  
line; then 100 feet to a point 85 feet from said centre  
line; then 100 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre  
line; then parallel to said centre line 200 feet to the  
Chester Turnpike road; then Easterly and South easterly  
about 1150 feet by the Turnpike Road to the Smith  
Farm; then westerly by the Smith farm about 90  
feet to the place of beginning, containing Two acres  
thirty five rods.

That in all aforesaid cases, where the said Rail  
Road is located more than five rods wide, it was  
necessary for the purpose of cuttings and embankments  
and procuring Stone and gravel, and for the proper  
construction and security of the said road.

That Your Petitioners have not been able  
to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with  
the several owners or Claimants thereof. They  
therefore pray the County Commissioners, after  
due notice to view, the premises, and estimate the  
amount of damages, if any, sustained by the  
said several owners or claimants thereby according  
to law.

Dated at Springfield the twenty sixth  
day of June A. D. 1839

The Western Rail Road Corp<sup>n</sup>  
By R. D. Morris, their atty.

To Russell Hawley of Russell in the County  
of Hampden, Whereas the Western Rail Road  
Corporation have presented their petition to the County



Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Russell, in said County upon and over lands owned by You at Russell aforesaid, which lands are particularly described in said petition on file; and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby.

You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at your house, in Russell, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July next at 1 O'clock, P.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order James W. Brooks, Chairman  
June 26. A.D. 1839.

I certify that I gave Russell Howley a copy of this notice. July 1<sup>st</sup> 1839

R. D. Morris.

To Lyman Parks, of Russell in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Russell in said County, upon and across lands owned by you at Russell, which lands are particularly described in said petition on file; and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Russell Howley's Inn in Russell on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July next at 1 O'clock, P.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order James W. Brooks Chairman  
June 26 A.D. 1839.

I certify, that I gave Lyman Parks a copy of this notice. July 2. 1839.

R. D. Morris

To Lyman Bradley of Russell in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Russell in said County and upon and over lands owned by You at Russell, which lands are particularly described in said petition on file; and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting



the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Hawleys Tavern in Russell on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July next at 10 o'clock P.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order James W. Crooks Chairman  
July 26. A.D. 1839.

I certify that I gave to Syman Bradley a copy of this Notice. July 1. 1839.  
R. D. Morris

To Herman Lindsey of Blandford in the county of Hampden. Whereas, the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Towns of Montgomery and Blandford, in said County, upon land over lands owned by you at Montgomery and Blandford, which lands are particularly described in said petition on file; and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby.

You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at your house in Blandford on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July next, at 4 o'clock P.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order James W. Crooks, chairman  
June 26. A.D. 1839.

I certify that I left at the house of Herman Lindsey a copy of this Notice. July 1. 1839.  
R. D. Morris

To Leonard Williams of Norwich in the county of Hampshire. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Blandford in the County of Hampden upon and over lands owned by you at said Blandford, which lands are particularly described in said petition in file; and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages if any, sustained by You thereby.

You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Collins' Tavern in



Chester on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July next, at 7 o'clock A. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject. Per Order

June 26<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1839

James W. Crooks Chairman

I certify that I gave to the said Leonard Williams a copy of this notice July 2, 1839

R. D. Morris

To Elijah Rice of Chester in the County of Hampden  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Blandford and Chester, in said County, upon and over lands owned by you at Blandford and Chester which lands are particularly described in said petition on file; and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby.

You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Collins' Tavern in Chester on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July next, at 7 o'clock A. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order  
June 26<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1839

James W. Crooks Chairman

I certify that I gave to Elijah Rice a copy of this notice July 2, 1839

R. D. Morris

To Pearley Cook of Chester in the County of Hampden  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Chester, in said County, upon and over lands owned by you at Chester which lands are particularly described in said petition on file; and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Collins' Tavern in Chester on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July next, at 9 o'clock A. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject. Per Order

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1839

James W. Crooks Chairman



I certify that I have given the above named Cook  
a copy of this notice July 2. 1839

R. D. Morris

To Daniel Johnson Jr. of Chester in the County  
of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Cor-  
poration have presented their petition to the County  
Commissioners of said County setting forth that  
they have located their Rail Road in the town of  
Town of Chester in said County upon and over  
lands owned by you at Chester, which lands are  
particularly described in said petition on file; and  
further representing that they have not been able to obtain  
said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the  
Commissioners to view the premises and estimate the  
amount of damages, if any sustained by you thereby  
(You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will  
meet for that purpose at Collins Tavern in Chester on  
the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July next, at 9 o'clock A.M. when and  
where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard  
upon the subject.

Per Order James W. Crooks Chairman  
June 26<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1839.

I certify that I have left at the house  
of said Johnson, a copy of the above notice  
July 2. 1839. R. D. Morris.

To John Sisk of Chester in the County of  
Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road  
Corporation have presented their petition to the County  
Commissioners of said County setting forth that  
they have located their Rail Road in the Town  
of Chester upon and over lands owned by you at  
Chester which lands are particularly described in said  
petition on file; and further representing that they  
have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary  
agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view  
the premises, and estimate the amount of damages,  
if any sustained by you thereby.

You are hereby notified that the Commissioners  
will meet for that purpose, at your house in Chester  
on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July next, at 4 o'clock P.M. when  
and where you may be present, if you see cause,  
and be heard upon the subject.

Per order James W. Crooks Chairman  
June 26. A.D. 1839.

I certify that I have given to John Sisk  
a copy of the above notice July 2. 1839  
R. D. Morris.



To Reuben Bowers of Chester, in the County of Hampden  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented  
their petition to the County Commissioners of said County  
setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in  
the Town of Chester, in said County upon and over lands  
owned by you at Chester, which lands are particularly  
described in said petition on file; and further repre-  
senting, that they have not been able to obtain such  
lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the  
Commissioners to view the premises and estimate  
the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you  
thereby. You are hereby notified that the Com-  
missioners will meet for that purpose at your house  
in Chester on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July next at 7 o'clock A.M.  
when and where you may be present, if you see cause,  
and be heard upon the subject

Per Order James W. Crooks, Chairman  
June 26 A.D. 1839

I certify that I have given to Reuben  
Bowers a copy of this notice. July 1. 1839.  
R. D. Morris

To Reuben Bowers of Chester in the County  
of Hampden  
Whereas the Western Rail  
Road Corporation have presented their petition to the  
County Commissioners of said County, setting  
forth that they have located their Rail Road  
in the Town of Chester, in said County and for  
the purpose of cuttings and embankments and procuring  
earth, stone and gravel and other materials for the  
proper construction and security of the Rail Road  
it is necessary to take the same from Your land in  
Chester, easterly of the Turnpike, without the limits  
of the Rail Road, and within the limits of their  
location, which lands are particularly described in  
said petition on file; and further representing that  
they have not been able to obtain said lands by  
voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commis-  
sioners to view the premises and estimate the amount  
of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby.

You are hereby notified that the Commissioners  
will meet for that purpose at Abner Smiths house  
in Chester on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July inst. at 8 o'clock  
A.M. when and where you may be present, if you  
see cause and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order James W. Crooks, Chairman  
July 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1839

I certify that I have given the above  
named Reuben Bowers a true and attested copy of this  
notification. July 2. 1839  
R. D. Morris



To Samuel Gibbs of Blandford, and Abner Smith of Chester, in the County of Hampden  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Chester in said County upon and over lands claimed by you at Chester, being the farm now occupied by Abner Smith which lands are particularly described in said petition on file; and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said said lands by voluntary agreement and requesting the commissioners to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby.

You are hereby notified, that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at the House of Abner Smith in Chester, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July next at 8 o'clock A. M. when and where you may be present if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject

Per Order  
June 26. A. D. 1839

James W. Brooks, Chairman

I certify that I have given Samuel Gibbs, and Abner Smith, each a copy of this notification. July 2 1839  
R. D. Morris

To Samuel Gibbs of Blandford and Abner Smith of Chester in the County of Hampden  
Whereas the Rail Road Corporation have presented their Petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Chester in said County and for the purpose of cutting and embankments and procuring earth, stone, gravel and other materials for the proper construction and for the security of the of the Road, it is necessary to take the same from and without the limits of their Rail Road, and within the limits of their Charter, on the farm occupied by said Smith in Chester, easterly of the Rail Road which lands are particularly described in said petition on file; and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages if any, sustained by you thereby.

You are hereby notified, that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at said Smith's house in Chester, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July inst. at 8 o'clock A. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause.



and be heard upon the subject

Per order James W. Brooks, Chairman  
I certify that I have given to Abner Smith and Samuel  
Gibbs, each a copy of this notice. July 2 1839

R. D. Morris

To Thomas Jackson of Chester and the Inhabitants of  
the Town of Chester, in the County of Hampden  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented  
their petition to the County Commissioners of said County,  
setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in  
the Town of Chester in said County upon and over lands  
claimed by You at Chester, being the farm occupied  
by said Jackson, which lands are particularly described  
in said petition on file; and further representing that  
they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary  
agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view  
the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if  
any, sustained by you thereby.

You are hereby notified that the Commissioners  
will meet for that purpose at Henry's Tavern in Chester  
on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July next, at 11 O'clock, A.M. when  
and where you may be present if you see cause, and  
be heard upon the subject

Per order

James W. Brooks, Chairman

June 26 A.D. 1839

I certify that I left at the dwelling house of  
said Jackson a true and attested copy of this Notification  
and also gave to Stevens, one of the Selectmen of Chester  
a copy of the same. July 2 1839

R. D. Morris

Hampden Co. July 8<sup>th</sup> 1839.

The County Commissioners of said County,  
having given reasonable notice to Lyman Bradley,  
mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Western  
Rail Road Corporation by serving him with an  
abstract of such part thereof as concerns the said  
Bradley, as appears by a copy of said abstract on file  
and hereto annexed, met the said Bradley and the  
petitioners by R. D. Morris their agent, at Hawley's Tavern  
in Russell, this day at one O'clock in the afternoon  
and proceeded to view the premises of the said Bradley  
described in said petition as taken for the location  
of said Rail Road, and having heard the said Bradley  
and the petitioners fully in the premises, we have ap-  
praised the damages which the said Bradley will  
suffer by the location of said Rail Road upon said  
lands at the sum of One hundred and twenty Seven  
dollars

And also having given reasonable notice



to Russell Hawley, named in the foregoing petition by serving him with an abstract of such part thereof as concerns him, the said Hawley, as by the copy thereof on file, and hereto annexed appears, we met the said House in Russell on this same 8<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1839, at one o'clock in the afternoon, and proceeded to view the premises of the said Hawley described in said petition as taken for the location of said Rail Road, and having fully heard the said Hawley and the said petitioners in the premises we have appraised the damages which the said Hawley will suffer by the location of said Rail Road upon said lands, at the sum of Forty five Dollars.

And having also given seasonable notice to Symon Parks 2<sup>d</sup> named in the foregoing petition by serving him with an abstract of such parts thereof as concerns him, as by the copy of said abstract on file and hereto annexed, appears, we met the said Parks and the petitioners by their said agent R. D. Morris, on this same 8<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1839 at Russell Hawleys Inn in Russell, at one o'clock in the afternoon, and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, as taken for the location of said Rail Road, and heard the said Parks and the said petitioners by their said Agent fully in the matter, we have appraised the damages which the said Parks will suffer by the location of said Rail Road upon said lands, at the sum of One hundred and ninety seven dollars.

And also having given seasonable notice to Herman Lindsey, named in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation by serving him with an Abstract of such parts of said petition as concerns him, as by the copy thereof on file, and hereto annexed, appears, we met the said petitioners by their said agent R. D. Morris, and the said Lindsey, at his house in Blandford on this same 8<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1839 at four o'clock in afternoon and proceeded to view the premises of the said Lindsey described in said petition, as taken for the location of said Rail Road, and having fully heard said Lindsey and the said petitioners in the premises we have appraised the damages which the said Lindsey will suffer by reason of the location of said Rail Road upon said lands, at the sum of Six hundred and twenty seven dollars. A crossing place for said Lindsey is to be established, south of the barn, and

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the road comes to grade, and properly constructed for the convenience of said Lindsey, and also a passage way for him under the Rail Road Bridge, for his accommodation in going to his other lands

Hampden ss. July 9. 1839. The County Commissioners of said County, having given seasonable notice to Leonard Williams mentioned in the foregoing petition of said Western Rail Road Corporation, by serving him with an abstract of such parts of said petition as concerns him, as appears by a copy of said abstract and hereto annexed, met the said Williams, and also the petitioners by R. D. Morris then agent, at Collins Tavern in Chester, this day at seven o'clock in the forenoon and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, being lands of the said Williams as taken for the location of said Rail Road, and, having the said Williams, and the petitioners fully in the premises, we have appraised the damages which the said Williams has suffered, and will suffer by the location of said Rail Road upon said lands, at the sum of One hundred and twenty one dollars.

And also having given seasonable notice to Elijah Rice, named in the foregoing petition by serving him with an abstract of such parts thereof as concerns him, as appears by a copy of said abstract, and hereto annexed, met the said Rice, and also the said petitioners by their said agent, R. D. Morris at Collins Tavern in Chester on the same ninth day of July A.D. 1839, at seven o'clock in the forenoon and proceeded to view the premises of said Rice described in said petition, as taken for the location of said Rail Road, and having heard the said Rice, and also the said petitioners by their said agent fully in the premises, we have appraised the damages, which the said Rice will suffer by the location of said Rail Road upon said lands, at the sum of Two hundred and seventy five dollars.

And Also having given seasonable notice to Pearly Cook, named in the foregoing petition, by serving him with an abstract of such parts thereof as concerns him as appears by a copy of said abstract on file and hereto annexed, we met the said Cook and also the said petitioners, by R. D. Morris then said agent, at Collins Tavern in Chester, on the same 9<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1839, at nine o'clock in the forenoon and proceeded to view the premises of the said Cook, as taken for the location of said Rail Road



and having heard the said Cook, and also the said petitioners by their said agent, fully in the premises we have appraised the damages which the said Cook will suffer by the location of said Rail Road upon said lands at the sum of Five hundred and thirty seven dollars. Crossings are to be constructed in a manner suitable and convenient for said Cook, near Stations No 1176 1/2, 1181 1/2 and 1190 1/2

And also having given Seasonable notice to Daniel Jackson Jr. named in the foregoing petition, by serving him with an abstract of such parts thereof as concerns him, as appears by a copy of said abstract on file and hereto annexed, we met the said petitioners by their said agent, R. D. Morris, and also the said Johnson at Collins Tavern in Chester on the same 9<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1839 at nine o'clock in the forenoon and proceeded to view the premises of the said Johnson, described in said petition as taken for the location of said Rail Road and having fully heard the said petitioners by their said agent, and also the said Johnson in the premises we have appraised the damages which the said Johnson will suffer by the location of said Rail Road upon said lands at the sum of Two hundred and eighty five dollars.

And also having given Seasonable notice to John Sisk, named in the foregoing petition by serving him with an abstract of such parts thereof as concerns him, as appears by a copy of said abstract on file, and hereto annexed, we met the said petitioners by their said agent R. D. Morris and also the said John Sisk at his house in Chester on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1839 at four o'clock in the afternoon, and proceeded to view the premises of the said Sisk described in said petition as taken for the location of said Rail Road and having fully heard the said petitioners by their said agent, and also the said Sisk in the premises we have appraised the damages which the said Sisk will suffer by the location of said Rail Road upon said lands at the sum of Four hundred and ninety two dollars

Hampden Co. July 10<sup>th</sup> 1839 The county Commissioners of said county having given Seasonable Notice to Reuben S. Bowers, otherwise called Reuben Bowers, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road corporation by serving him with two abstracts thereof containing the substance of such parts of said petition as concerns



him, as appears by copies of said abstracts on file and  
hereto annexed met at the said Bowers, and also Samuel  
G. Gibbs, who claims an interest in the premises occupied  
by said Bowers; and we also met R. D. Morris the agent  
of said Corporation at the home of said Bowers in Chester  
on the tenth day of July A. D. 1839. at 7 o'clock in the  
forenoon and proceeded to view the premises of said  
Bowers, described in said petition, as taken for the  
location of said Rail Road; and also at 8 o'clock forenoon  
on the same day last above mentioned, we met at the  
home of Abner Smith the several persons above named  
being all present, and proceeded to view the premises  
to wit lands of said Bowers described in said  
petition as taken for the purpose of cuttings and  
embankments, and for procuring stone, earth, gravel  
and other materials for the better construction and  
security of said Rail Road and also the water course  
or Race way therein proposed to be as set  
forth in said petition; and having viewed all  
the premises above mentioned and heard said  
petitioners and also said Bowers and Gibbs fully  
upon the subject matter of said petition so far as  
concerns the said Bowers and Gibbs, we have ap-  
praised the damages which the said Bowers  
will suffer by the location of said Rail Road  
upon the said lands, at the sum of fifty five  
Dollars. And we have also appraised the damages  
which said Bowers will suffer by reason of taking  
or borrowing earth, stone, gravel and other material  
for cuttings and embankments; and also for  
changing said water course, as set forth in said  
petition at the sum of Seventy five dollars. It  
was agreed by the parties claiming interest in  
said lands and so taken, to wit the said  
Bowers and Gibbs, and present at the appraisal  
that all damages assessed and allowed should  
be allowed and paid to the said Bowers.

And also having given Seasonable notice  
to Thomas Jackson and the Inhabitants of the  
Town of Chester, named in the foregoing petition  
by serving the said Jackson and Isaac Stevens  
one of the selectmen of said Town with an abstract  
of said petition, containing the substance thereof  
so far as concerns said Jackson or said Town in  
the matter of the land occupied by said Jackson  
as appears by a copy of said abstract on file  
and hereto annexed, we met the said Jackson  
and said Isaac Stevens at Henry's Tavern in Chester  
on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July last aforesaid at eleven  
o'clock forenoon. W. D. Morris, Esq. at the house of said



o'clock in the forenoon and proceeded to view the premises of said Jackson, described in said petition as taken for the location of said Rail Road and having fully heard said petitions, and also said Jackson and Stevens in the premises, we have appraised the damages which the said Jackson will suffer by the location of said Rail Road upon said lands at the sum of Eighty Seven Dollars.

And also having given Reasonable Notice to Samuel C. Gibbs, otherwise called Samuel Gibbs and Abner Smith mentioned in said petition by serving them respectively with an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof, so far as concerns the said Gibbs and Smith as appears by copies of said abstracts on file, and herewith annexed, met the said Gibbs and Smith and also the said agent of said Rail Road corporation, at the house of said Smith in Chester, on the same tenth day of July last aforesaid at 8 o'clock in the forenoon and proceeded to view the premises of said Gibbs and Smith, described in said petition as taken for the location of said Rail Road, and also as taken for the purpose of cutting and embankments and for procuring stone, earth gravel and other materials for the construction and security of said Rail Road, and for turning or changing the water course or channel of a race way there situate for the proper security of the Road, all the premises being fully set forth in said petition, and having fully heard said Gibbs and Smith and said petitions in the premises we have appraised the damages which said Gibbs and Smith will suffer by the location of said Rail Road upon the said lands and for the earth stone, gravel and other materials for said cuttings and embankments and for turning said water course or race way for the better construction and security of said road at the sum of thirty seven Dollars. Provided said Corporation shall establish a Depot on or near said Smiths land; and Provided further that if a depot or stopping place shall not be established in the immediate vicinity of said lands or upon them the said Gibbs and Smith may have a further claim for such additional damages as may be deemed just and equitable not exceeding two hundred dollars.

And it is agreed, by the said Gibbs and Smith on the one part and the petitioners on the other part that all damages shall be allowed and paid to said Gibbs. The land taken for borrowed earth &c and for change of water course is described as



follows, viz Beginning by land of Reuben S. Bowers at a point 30 feet North easterly of the North easterly line of the Turnpike as altered; and run Northwesterly parallel to the Turnpike as altered 915 feet to a point against Station 1346.15 of the Rail Road; then South westerly at right angles 30 feet to the Turnpike; then South easterly by the Turnpike, about 915 feet to land of said Bowers; then North easterly by said Bowers 30 feet to the place of beginning, containing in the whole about  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre, exclusive of land claimed by R. S. Bowers, lying within the above described premises

All which is submitted

James W. Crooks Seal  
Gideon Stiles Seal } County Commrs  
John Ward Seal }

Which report having read and Considered is accepted.

To the Hon Board of County Commissioners of W. R. R. Co.  
the County of Hampden. Petition

The petition of the Western Rail Road Corp<sup>n</sup> for Alter<sup>n</sup>  
ation respectfully represents, That they have laid out of Turnpike  
and located their Rail Road in the Town of Chester in and  
said County of Hampden upon and over land now Approp<sup>r</sup>  
occupied by the Chester Turnpike Corporation for their of Damages  
Turnpike Road; that part of said Turnpike Road near  
leading from William Arnolds in Chester to Henrys Chester Factory  
Tavern in Chester interferes with the convenient location  
of said Rail Road; and with the consent of said  
Turnpike Corporation, they think proper to alter the  
course of said Turnpike road near the dwelling house  
of Reuben Bowers and near the dwelling house of  
Abner Smith, by turning the same more Easterly  
so that the same when altered will pass partly on  
lands of said Reuben Bowers, and partly on lands  
claimed by said Abner Smith and Samuel Gibbs  
of Blanford in said County; that your petitioners  
have not been able to obtain the lands <sup>over</sup> which  
said Turnpike road is to be altered, by voluntary  
agreement with the respective owners or claimants  
thereof; they therefore pray the County Commis-  
sioners, after due notice, to view the premises and  
estimate the amount of damages, if any, sus-  
tained by the said Bowers, Smith and Gibbs  
thereby, according to law, and direct the manner  
of the location of said Turnpike Road

Dated at Springfield this twenty eighth day  
of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and thirty nine

The Western Rail Road Corp<sup>n</sup>  
By R. D. Morris, their Atty.



To the Chester Turnpike Corporation

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Chester in said County upon lands now occupied by the Chester Turnpike, and with the consent of the agent of said Chester Turnpike Corporation, they think proper to alter the course of said Turnpike as follows, viz by turning the same more easterly from near the house of Reuben Bowers in Chester to a point a little north of Abner Smiths in said Chester and adjoining the Rail Road, so that the same will pass over lands of said Bowers, Abner Smith and Samuel Gibbs and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at said Smiths house in Chester on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July inst at 8 o'clock, A.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject

Per order James W. Brooks, Chairman

July 1<sup>st</sup> 1839.

I certify that I left at the house of O. A. Parks agent of said Turnpike Corporation a copy of this Notice. July 2. 1839.

R. D. Morris

To Reuben S. Bowers and Abner Smith of Chester and Samuel C. Gibbs of Blandford in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Chester in said County upon lands now occupied by the Chester Turnpike, and with the consent of the agent of said Turnpike Corporation, they think proper to alter the course of said Turnpike as follows, viz by turning the same more easterly from near the house of Reuben Bowers in Chester to a point a little north of Abner Smith in said Chester and adjoining the Rail Road, so that the same as altered will pass over lands of said Bowers, Smith and Gibbs, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose of said Smiths house in Chester on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July inst at 8 o'clock, A.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject



Per order  
July 1. A. D. 1839

James W. Brooks, Chairman

I certify that I have given to Reuben Bowers  
Samuel Gibbs and Abner Smith, each a copy of this notice  
R. D. Morris  
July 2. 1839

Hampton ss. July 10<sup>th</sup> 1839. The County Commissioners of said County, having given reasonable notice to the Chester Turnpike Corporation mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation by serving Otis Perkins, agent of said Turnpike Corporation with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, as appears by a copy of said abstract on file and hereto annexed, met the said Perkins, and also R. D. Morris, agent of said Rail Road Corporation this tenth day of July A. D. 1839 at the house of Abner Smith in Chester at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, and proceeded to view the premises and the proposed alterations of said Turnpike Road and having heard the said Perkins and also the said Morris fully in the premises, we have altered said Turnpike Road and established the same as follows, to wit. Beginning by land of Reuben S. Bowers, at a point 110 feet northeasterly of the center line of said Rail Road, as located for a double track, and run northwesterly a strail line about 85 rods to land of Thomas Jackson, to a point 98 feet northeasterly of the said center line of the Rail Road and 115 feet northeasterly of the fence, as it now stands on the northeasterly side of the present travelled Turnpike road; and we have located and established said Turnpike road four rods wide on the southwesterly side of said line upon land of Samuel C. Gibbs, and land claimed by Reuben S. Bowers. Said Turnpike as altered is to be constructed in a substantial and workmanlike manner, and in all respects equal to the present travelled Turnpike Road. The said Chester Turnpike Corporation by their said agent, relinquish all claims for damages by reason of said alteration.

Hampton ss. July 10<sup>th</sup> 1839. The County Commissioners of said County having given reasonable notice to Reuben S. Bowers, Abner Smith, Samuel C. Gibbs, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation by serving each of them with an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof, as appears by a copy of said abstract on file and hereto annexed, met the said Bowers, Gibbs and Smith, and also the agent of said Rail Road Corporation, R. D. Morris, Esq. at the house of said



Smith in Chester on this day at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, and proceeded to view the premises of said Bowers, Gibbs, and Smith described in said petition as taken for said alteration of the Chester Turnpike and having heard the said Bowers, Gibbs and Smith, and also the said petitioners, fully in the premises, we have appraised the damages which the said Bowers will suffer, by the alteration of said Turnpike Road at the sum of one Dollar. And the damages which the said Gibbs and Smith will suffer by reason of said alteration, we have appraised at the sum of Four Hundred and ten dollars. And it is now agreed, by the said Gibbs and Smith on their behalf and the said Morris on behalf of said Rail Road Corporation, that all damages which said Gibbs and Smith shall suffer, and which shall be ascertained and allowed, them, shall be allowed and paid to the said Gibbs.

All which is submitted

James M. Crooker, Seal

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John Ward, Seal

County Commissioners

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Which Report being read and considered is accepted  
To the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners  
of the County of Hampden

The petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, that they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the lands of Elijah Ashley of West Springfield in the County of Hampden, which lands are situated in the Town of West Springfield in said County of Hampden, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz. Beginning by land of the Agawam Canal Company at a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods northerly of the true centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track, opposite Station No 135-07, and run westerly parallel to said centre line, 265 feet to land of said Canal Company; then Easterly by land of said Company, about 264 feet to the Easterly corner of said Ashley's land; then Northerly by land of said Canal Company, 29 feet to the place of beginning, containing thirteen rods of land.

Also, upon and across one other tract of land of said Elijah Ashley, lying a little westerly of the above described tract, bounded southerly on land of the Agawam Canal Company and is described as follows, viz. Beginning by land of said Company at a point 54 feet northerly of said centre line,



against station 140-20, and run westerly 80 feet to a point 73 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 85 feet from said centre line against station No 142; then 72 feet to land of said Canal Company to a point 54 feet from said centre line; then easterly by land of said Company 244 feet to the place of beginning, containing fourteen rods of ground. Also upon and across one other tract of land of said Elijah Ashley, lying a little westerly of the above described tract, and is bounded Easterly and southerly on land of the Agawam Canal Company; and westerly on land of Samuel Sathrop Esq. and is described as follows, viz. Beginning by land of said Canal Company at a point 55 feet northerly of said centre line, against station No. 145-10, and run westerly as follows, viz. 96 feet to a point 85 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 72 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 108 feet from said centre line, against station 148; then 110 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line against station No 149; then parallel to said centre line 335 feet, to land of Samuel Sathrop; then southerly by land of said Sathrop, 100 feet to land of the Agawam Canal Company; then easterly by land of said Canal Company 490 feet to other land of said Canal Company; then northerly by said Company's land to a point 35 feet northerly of said centre line; then easterly by said Company's land 210 feet to the place of beginning, containing one acre seventy rods of land.

Also upon and across one other tract of land of said Elijah Ashley, lying in said West Springfield westerly of the above described tract, bounded Easterly on land of the Agawam Canal Company and westerly on land of Justin Ely, and that part thereof so taken for the Rail Road is described as follows, viz. Beginning by land of said Canal Company, at a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods northerly of the true centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track against station No 158, and run westerly and northerly by land of said Canal Company about 170 feet to a point 106 feet northerly of said centre line against station 159-28; then south westerly 110 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods northerly of the said centre line against station 160; then north westerly 140 feet to a point 130 feet northerly of the said centre line, against station 161; then westerly as follows, viz. parallel to said centre line 100 feet; then 115 feet to a point 80 feet from said centre line against station 163; then 100 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point



$2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 100 feet; then 100 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line against station No 168; then 100 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 70 feet from said centre line against station No 170; then 50 feet to a point 87 feet from said centre line to lands of Justin Ely; then southerly by land of Justin Ely to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods southerly of said centre line; then Easterly as follows, viz parallel to said centre line 200 feet; then 100 feet to a point 70 feet from said centre line against station No 174; then 100 feet parallel to said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 200 feet; then 100 feet to a point 48 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 100 feet to land of said Canal Company; then northerly by land of said Canal Company about 92 feet to the place of beginning, containing three acres Ninty three rods of land.

Also they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across a tract of land owned or claimed by Smith Watrous, of said West Springfield or in which he has an interest; which land is situated in said West Springfield, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is bounded South Easterly by land of Jude Indington, and Northwesterly by land of William Sibley, being a strip across the Canal occupied by said Watrous, one hundred and nine rods and twelve feet in length, and including five rods wide, viz. two and a half rods, upon each side of the true centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track, containing Three acres Sixty nine rods of land.

Also, they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the lands of William Sibley of West Springfield aforesaid, which lands are situated in said West Springfield, and the part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is bounded Southeasterly on land of Smith Watrous and Northwesterly on land held in trust by Samuel Smith for Francis Vanhorn and others, and is described as follows, viz. Beginning by land of Smith Watrous, at a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods north easterly of the true centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track, and run Northwesterly as follows, viz. parallel to said centre line 210 feet; then 100 feet to a point 50 feet from said centre line;



then 100 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 900 feet; then 100 feet to a point 50 feet from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 400 feet; then 100 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 50 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 100 feet; then 100 feet to a point 50 feet from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 200 feet; then 100 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 340 feet to land held in trust by Samuel Smith; then south westerly by land held by said Smith, 100 feet, to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods south westerly of said centre line at right angles; then south easterly as follows, viz. parallel to said centre line 190 feet; then 100 feet to a point 50 feet from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 100 feet; then 100 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 600 feet; then 100 feet to a point 70 feet from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 100 feet; then 100 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 1000 feet; then 100 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 105 feet to land of Smith Watrous; then north easterly by land of said Watrous, five rods to the place of beginning, containing six acres fifty rods of land.

Also upon one other tract of said Sibley's land, lying in West Springfield, north westerly of the above mentioned tract, bounded easterly on land held and occupied by Phelps, and westerly by the County road; and that part thereof so taken for the Rail Road is described as follows, viz.

Beginning by land held by Delight Phelps at a point 110 feet; northerly of the true centre line of the Rail Road, as located for a double track, and run westerly as follows, viz. parallel to said centre line 97 feet; then 100 feet to a point 100 feet from said centre line; then 120 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 25 feet to the County road; then southerly by the County road 136 feet, to a point 55 feet southerly of said centre line; then easterly as follows, viz. 30 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 80 feet from said centre



line; then 100 feet to a point 80 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 100 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 80 feet from said centre line; then 54 feet to lands held by Delight Phelps to a point 70 feet from said centre line; then northerly by land of said Delight 244 feet to the place of beginning containing one acre sixty three rods of land.

Also, they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across land held by Samuel Smith in trust for Francis Vanhorn, and his wife and others; which land is in said West Springfield and bounded southerly on land of William Sibley and northerly on the County road, being a strip across said lot, twenty two and a half rods in length, on the centre line and including five rods wide viz two and a half rods upon each side of the true centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track, containing one hundred and twelve rods of land.

Also, they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across land of John Goff of West Springfield which land is situated in said West Springfield, and is bounded southerly on the County road and northerly on land of Oernas Goff, being a strip across his lot, West of his house, seven rods 2 feet in length, on the centre line, and including five rods wide viz, two and a half rods upon each side, of the true centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track, containing thirty four rods of land.

Also they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across a tract of Oernas Goff of West Springfield, which land is situated in said West Springfield, and is bounded south easterly on land of John Goff, and north westerly on land occupied by Delight Phelps; and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road, is described as follows viz, Beginning by land of John Goff, at a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods north easterly of the true centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track, and run northwesterly as follows, viz parallel to said centre line 284 feet to land of said Delight Phelps; then south westerly by land of said Delight Phelps 90 feet to a point 50 feet southwesterly of said centre line; then south easterly as follows, viz 71 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then parallel to centre line 250 feet, to land of John Goff; then north easterly by land of John Goff, 92 feet to the place of beginning, containing ninety two rods of land.

Also, they have laid out and located their



Rail Road upon and across a tract of land lying in Westfield  
aforesaid in which Delight Phelps has a life estate the reversion  
of which is in the hands of persons to your petitioners unknown  
which land is bounded south easterly on land of Demas  
Goff and north westerly on land of William Sibley; that  
part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described  
as follows, viz Beginning by land of Demas Goff at  
a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods north easterly of the true centre line  
of the Rail Road as located for a double track and  
run northwesterly as follows; viz parallel to said centre  
line 22 feet; then 100 feet to a point 50 feet from said  
centre line; then 100 feet to a point 60 feet from said  
centre line; then 100 feet to a point 80 feet from said  
centre line; then 100 feet to a point 110 feet from said  
centre line; then 100 feet to a point 110 feet from said centre  
line; then parallel to said centre line 115 feet to land  
of William Sibley; then south westerly by land of said  
Sibley 245 feet to a point 72 feet south westerly of said  
centre line, at right angles; then south Easterly as follows  
viz. 50 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line;  
then parallel to said centre line 100 feet; then 100 feet to a  
point 50 feet from said centre line; then parallel to  
said centre line 100 feet; then 25 feet to land of Demas  
Goff to a point 49 feet from said centre line; then  
easterly by land of Demas Goff 90 feet to place of be-  
ginning, containing one acre fifty two rods of land.

Also, they have laid out and located their Rail Road  
upon and across a tract of land lying in said Westspring-  
field, bounding Easterly on land of Abel Cooley and Westerly  
on land of Jude Suddington, claimed or owned by Ezekiel  
Day and Hiram Carter, both of said Westspringfield, or in  
which one or both claim an interest; and that part thereof  
so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, Begin-  
ning by land of Abel Cooley, at a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods north-  
erly of the true centre line of the Rail Road, as located  
for a double track, and run westerly as follows, viz  
parallel to said centre line 576 feet; then 50 feet to a  
point 45 feet from said centre line; then 50 feet to a  
point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then parallel to  
said centre line 382 feet to land of Jude Suddington;  
southerly by land of Jude Suddington 235 feet to a  
point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods southerly of said centre line at right  
angles; then Easterly as follows, viz parallel to said  
centre line 550; then 100 feet to a point 45 feet from  
said centre line; then 100 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from  
said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 460  
feet to land of Abel Cooley; then northerly by said  
Cooley 100 feet to the place of beginning, containing  
two acres, twenty two rods



That in all the aforementioned cases where said Rail Road was located more than five rods wide it was necessary for the purpose of cutting up bankments and procuring stone and gravel for the proper construction and security of the road.

That Your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the several owners or claimants thereof; they therefore pray the County Commissioners after due notice, to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by the said several persons named in the foregoing petition, thereby, according to law.

Dated at Springfield this twentieth day of June  
A. D. 1839

The Western R. R. Corpor<sup>y</sup>

By Geo Bliff, Atty.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. June 20<sup>th</sup> 1839. The foregoing petition being this day presented to the subscriber Chairman of the County Commissioners of said County, it is ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Jude Suddington in West Springfield on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the said petition; and it is also ordered that seasonable notice be given to the several persons named in said petition owners of lands over which said Rail Road is located by serving each of them with an abstract of said petition, as far as concerns them respectively, containing the substance thereof, and the Western Rail Road Corporation as principal and R. D. Morris as surety, appear and recognize in the sum of two hundred Dollars, each to the County of Hampden conditioned to save the County harmless from all costs and expenses on account of said petition.

James W. Crooks chairman  
To William Sibley of West Springfield in the County of Hampden, Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of West Springfield in said County, upon and over lands owned by you at West Springfield which lands are particularly described in said petition on file and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified, that the Commissioners will



meet for that purpose, at the House of Jude Suddington in WestSpringfield on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June inst, at 9 o'clock A.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject

Per order

James W. Brooks. Chairman

June 24<sup>th</sup>, A.D. 1839.

I certify that I have this day given to the within named Sibley, a true copy of this notice

June 24, 1839.

R. D. Morris

To Delight Phelps of WestSpringfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of WestSpringfield in said County, upon and over lands owned by you at WestSpringfield which lands are particularly described in said petition on file; and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at the house of Jude Suddington in WestSpringfield on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June inst, at 9 o'clock A.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per order

June 24, A.D. 1839.

James W. Brooks Chairman

I certify that I have given to the within named Delight Phelps, a true copy of the within notice

June 24, 1839.

R. D. Morris

To Demas Coff, of WestSpringfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of WestSpringfield in said County, upon and over lands owned by you at WestSpringfield, which lands are particularly described in said petition on file; and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at the house of Jude Suddington in WestSpringfield on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June inst, at 9 o'clock A.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon



the subject.

Per order,

June 24. A.D. 1839.

James W. Brooks Chairman

I certify that I have left a true copy of the within notice at the last and usual place of abode of the within named Goff in West Springfield, viz at the house where he resides. June 24. 1839.

To John Goff of West Springfield in the County of

Champerden

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said county, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of West Springfield, in said County upon and over lands owned by you at West Springfield which lands are particularly described in said petition on file; and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at the house of Judge Suddington in West Springfield on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June inst. at 9 o'clock A.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject

Per order

June 24<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1839.

James W. Brooks, Chairman

I certify that I this day left at the dwelling house of the within named John Goff, a true copy of this notice. June 24. 1839.

R. D. Morris.

To Samuel Smith, Trustee &c of West Springfield in the County of Champerden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of West Springfield in said County, upon and over lands held by you as trustee of Francis Vanhook, &c at West Springfield which lands are particularly described in said petition on file; and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet, for that purpose at the house of Judge Suddington in West Springfield, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June inst. at 9 o'clock A.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon

any more will



the subject  
June 24<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1839.

Per Order

James W. Brooks, Chairman

I certify that I have this day given to Samuel Smith  
a true copy of this notice  
June 24. 1839.

R. D. Morris

To Smith Watsons of West Springfield, in the County  
of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation  
have presented their petition to the County Commissioners  
of said County, setting forth that they have located  
their Rail Road in the Town of West Springfield, in  
said County, upon and over lands owned by you at  
West Springfield near Agawam River, which lands are  
particularly described in said petition on file; and  
further representing that they have not been able to obtain  
said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the  
commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the  
damages, if any, sustained by you thereby.

You are hereby notified that the Commissioners  
will meet for that purpose at the house of Judge  
Suddington in West Springfield, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day  
of June inst at 9 o'clock, A. M. when and where  
you may be present, if you see cause, and be  
heard upon the subject.

Per order

James W. Brooks, Chairman

June 24, A. D. 1839.

I certify that I have this day left at the dwell-  
ing house of the within named Watsons, a true  
copy of this notice. June 24, 1839.

R. D. Morris

To Ezekiel Day and Hiram Carter, both of  
West Springfield, in the County of Hampden.

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have  
presented their petition to the County Commissioners  
of said County, setting forth that they have located  
their Rail Road in the Town of West Springfield in  
said County, upon and over lands claimed by you  
at West Springfield near Agawam River, which lands  
are particularly described in said petition on file  
and further representing that they have not been  
able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement,  
and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises  
and estimate the amount of damages, if any,  
sustained by you thereby.

You are hereby notified  
that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose  
at the house of Judge Suddington in West Springfield  
on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June inst, at 9 o'clock A. M.  
when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and  
be heard upon the subject. Per Order, James W. Brooks Chairman  
June 24<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1839.



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I certify that I have duly notified the within named  
Day and Carter, by leaving at their dwelling house, a  
true copy of this notice for each. June 27. 1839

R. D. Morris

To Elijah Ashley, of West Springfield in the County  
of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corpora-  
tion have presented their petition to the County Com-  
missioners of said County, setting forth that they have  
located their Rail Road in the Town of West Springfield  
in said County, upon and over lands owned by you  
at West Springfield, near the Agawam River, which  
lands are particularly described in said petition on file  
and further representing that they have not been able  
to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and  
requesting the Commissioners to view the premises  
and estimate the amount of damages, if any,  
sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified  
that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose,  
at the house of Jude Suddington in West Springfield  
on the twenty eighth day of June, current at 9 o'clock  
A. M. when and where you may be present, if you  
see cause, and be heard upon the subject

Per order, James W. Brooks Chairman

June 24. A. D. 1839.

I certify that I have this day left at the dwelling  
house of Elijah Ashley, a true copy of this notice

June 24. 1839

R. D. Morris

Hampden Co. June 28<sup>th</sup> 1839

The County Commissioners of said County  
having given reasonable notice to William Sibley,  
Delight Phelps, Lemmas Goff, John Goff, Samuel  
Smith, Trustee of Polly Vanhorn, Smith Waters,  
Czekiel Day, and Hiram Carter & Elijah Ashley  
named in the foregoing petition of the Western  
Rail Road Corporation, by serving each of them  
with an abstract of such parts of said petition  
as concerns them respectively, all which appears  
by copies of said abstracts on file, and hereto annexed  
wherein is stated the time, place and purpose of the  
meeting, met the said several persons above named  
and also R. D. Morris Esq. on behalf of said Corporation  
on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June at 9 o'clock in the forenoon  
at the house of Jude Suddington, as stated in said  
abstracts, and proceeded to view the several tracts and  
parcels of land described in said petition, as belonging  
to the several persons above named, to wit, the said  
William Sibley, Delight Phelps, Lemmas Goff, John  
Goff, Samuel Smith, Trustee of Polly Vanhorn, Smith  
Waters, Czekiel Day and Hiram Carter, and Elijah



Ashley, and having heard the same owners of lands as so described, and also the said petitioners, by the said Morris, fully in the premises, we estimated and appraised the damages which the said land owners will suffer by reason of their said lands being so taken for the location of said Rail Road upon said lands, and have allowed them respectively the sums following, to wit:

William Sibley Six hundred and fifty dollars  
Delight Phelps Fifty five dollars  
Thomas Goff Seventy three dollars  
John Goff Twenty one dollars  
Samuel Smith, trustee, Sixty five dollars  
Smiths Waters Two hundred thirty five dollars  
Ezekiel Day for lands owned by him and occupied  
by him and William Carter One hundred <sup>thirty</sup> ~~thirty~~ <sup>thirty</sup> dollars  
Elijah Ashley One hundred sixty five dollars.

A crossing for said Sibley to be made at the point between cutting and embankment in the Home farm. Also a Cattle Culvert in connection with a water Culvert, South east of the pond on low land.

All which is submitted  
James W. Brooks & Seal }  
Hydeon Stiles Seal } County Com?  
John Ward Seal }

which Report being read & Considered is Accepted

To the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners W. R. R. C.  
of the County of Hampden

Petition  
The Petition of the Western Rail Road Co. to approp-  
riation respectfully represents; that they have laid damages  
out and located their Rail Road upon and across M. Tinker  
the land of Martin Tinkers of Westfield, in the County of Westfield  
of Hampden, which land is situated in said West-  
field; and that part thereof so taken for said road  
is bounded South Easterly, partly on land of Sherman  
Granger, and partly on land of Nehemiah Carter, and  
North westerly on land of Alfred Pratt, and is described  
as follows, viz. Beginning by land of Nehemiah  
Carter, at a point 52 feet North easterly of the true  
centre line of the Rail Road as located for a  
double track and run Northwestely as follows, viz.  
38 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line;  
then parallel to said centre line 200 feet; then 100  
feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then  
parallel to said centre line 2300 feet to a point  
against Station No 600; then 100 feet to a point  
50 feet from said centre line; then parallel to said  
centre line 277 feet to land of Alfred Pratt; then  
Southerly by said Pratt, 100 feet to a point 50 feet  
South Westerly of said centre line; then South easterly



as follows, viz. parallel to said centre line 182 feet; then 100 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  Rods from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 2737 feet to land of Shem Granger; then northeasterly by land of Shem Granger and land of Nehemiah Carter 45 feet to the place of beginning containing five acres, one hundred and six rods of land.

Also, for the purpose of cuttings and embankments and for procuring stone, earth, gravel and other materials it is necessary to take the same from other lands of the said Tinker, lying northwesterly of the Rail Road, and between the Rail Road, and the County Road, the same being without the limits of this Road, and within the limits of their Charter. That in the foregoing case when the road is laid more than five rods wide, it was necessary on account of cuttings and embankments, and for the purpose of procuring stone, earth and gravel for the proper construction and security of the Rail Road that your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owners thereof. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises, and estimate the damages if any sustained by the said Tinker thereby, according to law. Dated at Springfield this second day of September, A. D. 1839

The Western Rail Road Corporation  
By R. D. Morris their Attorney

To Martin Tinker of Westfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Westfield in said County, upon and over lands owned by you at Westfield which lands are particularly described in said petition on file; and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at your house in Westfield, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September inst. at 10 o'clock A. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per order, James W. Brooks. Chairman.  
Springfield, Sep. 2. A. D. 1839.

I certify that I have this day left a copy of the foregoing notice at the dwelling house of the above named Martin Tinker Sep. 5. 1839

R. D. Morris



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. Sept. 2<sup>d</sup>. 1839

The foregoing Petition being this day presented to the subscriber, Chairman of the County Commissioners for said County, it is ordered that the Commissioners meet at the house of Martin Tinker in said Westfield on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September inst. at 10 o'clock A.M. then and there to act on said petition: and it is also ordered, that reasonable notice be given to the said Tinker, by serving him with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof and this order thereon, previous to the time of said meeting; and the said Western Rail Road Corporation as principal, and R. D. Morris as surety, appear and acquiesce to the County of Hampden in the sum of Two hundred dollars each, conditioned to save the said County harmless from all costs & expenses on account of said petition.

James W. Brooks. Chairman

Hampden Co. Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 1839

The County Commissioners of said County having given reasonable notice to Martin Tinker, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation, by serving him with an abstract thereof, as appears by a copy of said abstract on file and hereto annexed, met the said Tinker and the petitioners by R. D. Morris, their agent, at the house of said Tinker, this day at ten of the clock in the forenoon, being the time and place mentioned in said abstract, and proceeded to view the premises of said Tinker, described in said petition as taken for the location of said Rail Road; and also as taken for the purpose of cuttings and embankments and for procuring stone, earth, gravel and other materials from other lands of said Tinker, for the better construction and security of said Rail Road as set forth in said petition, and having heard the said Tinker and the petitioners fully in the premises, we have appraised the damages which the said Tinker will suffer by the location of said Rail Road upon the said lands, at the sum of Five hundred and Eighty five Dollars; and we have also appraised the damages, which the said Tinker will suffer, by reason of borrowing earth, stone, gravel and other materials by said petitioners for cuttings and embankments as above mentioned at the sum of Twenty three dollars. The price of Land whereon said petitioners are to take or borrow earth, gravel, &c. as set forth in said petition is described as follows, viz. A small



triangular piece of land lying westerly of said  
Tinker's house; bounded westerly on land of Alfred  
Pratt, northerly on the county road and southerly  
on the Rail Road, containing 35 rods.

All which is submitted.

James M. Brooks Seal

Gideon Stiles

John Ward

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W. R. R. Co. The report being read and considered is accepted  
To the Hon. the Board of county commissioners of  
the County of Hampden

Petition  
of dam  
Westfield

The petition of the Western Rail Road corpora-  
tion respectfully represents, that they have laid  
out and located their Rail Road upon and across the  
land of Margaret Topliff of Westfield in said county;  
which land is situated in the Town of Westfield  
in said County of Hampden; and that part thereof  
so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows viz  
Beginning by the canal at a point 46 feet northerly  
of the centre line of the Rail Road as located for a  
double track, and run westerly as follows. viz. 90  
feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line; then  
parallel to said centre line 308 feet to land of  
Sophia Merrick; then south westerly by land of  
Sophia Merrick, and across the highway 101 1/4 feet  
to a point 2 1/2 rods southerly of said centre line;  
then Easterly parallel to said centre line 400 feet to  
the said canal; then northerly by the canal land  
five rods and five feet to the place of beginning;  
subject, however, to the easement of a county road  
crossing the same; containing, exclusive of said  
county road, Eighty eight rods of land.

Also, they have laid out and located their  
Rail Road upon and across land of Sophia Merrick  
of said Westfield, which land is situated in said  
Westfield, and bounded Easterly on land of Margaret  
Topliff; westerly on land of Lewis Symon, and  
southerly on the highway. And that part thereof so  
taken for said Rail Road is described as follows: viz  
Beginning by land of Sophia Merrick at a point  
60 feet northerly of the true centre line of Rail  
Road, as located for a double track, and run  
westerly parallel to said centre line 130 feet to  
land of Lewis Symon; then southerly by said Symon  
35 feet to the county road; then Easterly by the  
county road 115 feet to land of Margaret Topliff; then  
northerly by said Margaret 50 feet to the place of  
beginning, containing Eighteen rods of land.

Also they have laid out and located their Rail

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Road upon and across the land claimed by Lewis Symon of said Westfield and claimed by Samuel Arnold, mortgagee of said Symon bounding Easterly on land of Sophia Merrick; west on land of Daniel Noble, Southely on the county Road; and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz Beginning by land of Sophia Merrick at a point 60 feet northerly of the centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track, and run westerly parallel to said centre line 115 feet to land of David Noble; then southerly by land of said Noble 46 feet to the County Road; then Easterly by the County road 104 feet to land of Sophia Merrick; then northerly by said Sophia 35 feet to the place of beginning, containing seventeen rods of land.

Also they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Daniel Noble of Westfield aforesaid which said land is situated in said Westfield, bounded easterly on land of Lewis Symon and westerly on land of Isaac Harding; and that part thereof so taken for said road is described as follows, viz Beginning by land of Lewis Symon at a point 60 feet northerly of the centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track, and run westerly as follows, viz parallel to said centre line 48 feet; then 100 feet to a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 90 feet to land of Isaac Harding; then southerly by said Harding 20 feet to the county road; then easterly by the County road 350 feet to land of Lewis Symon; then northerly by said Symon, 46 feet to the place of beginning containing seven rods of land.

And they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across one other tract of land of said Daniel Noble, bounded Northerly on land of said Harding, and Westerly on land of Noadiah Bosworth; and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz beginning by land of said Harding, at a point  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods northerly of the true centre of the Rail Road as located for a double track, and run westerly parallel to said centre line 285 feet to land of Noadiah Bosworth; then southerly by said Bosworth, 100 feet to the county road; then Easterly by the County road 202 feet to land of said Harding; then northerly by said Harding 20 feet to place of beginning, containing thirty three rods of land.

Also, they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Noadiah Bosworth of Westfield, aforesaid, which said land is situated in Westfield, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road, is bounded easterly on land of Daniel



Noble, and the county road; and westerly on land of Henry Ashley, being a strip across his lot, seventy two rods  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet in length on the centre line, and including five rods wide, viz. two and a half rods upon each side of the centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track; containing two acres Thirty One rods of land.

Also, they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across land of Isaac Harding of Granville, in said County of Hampden, which land is situated in Westfield in said County; and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is bounded Easterly and Westerly on Land of Daniel Noble, and southerly on the County Road, and is described as follows, viz. Beginning by land of Daniel Noble, at a point 60 feet northerly of the centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track, and run Westerly parallel to said centre line 33 feet to other land of said Noble; then southerly by said Noble 20 feet to the highway; then Easterly by the highway 33 feet to land of said Noble; then Northerly by said Noble 20 feet to the place of beginning, containing three rods of land. That in all the foregoing cases where said Rail Road is located, more than five rods wide it was necessary for the purpose of cuttings and embankments and procuring earth, stone and gravel for the proper security and construction of said Road.

That your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the several owners thereof. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises and estimate the damages, if any, sustained by the said several persons, thereby, according to law.

Dated at Springfield the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1839.

The Western Rail Road Corp<sup>rs</sup>.

By R. D. Morris their Attorney.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. July 26<sup>th</sup> 1839.

The foregoing petition being this day presented to the Chairman of the County Commissioners for said County, it is ordered, that the Commissioners meet at Rogers' Tavern in Westfield on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August next, at 3 o'clock, P. M. there and there to act on said petition; and it is also ordered that Seasonable notice previous to the time of said meeting be given to all persons and corporations interested, and especially,

Waters, Ezekiel Day and Hiram Carter, and any



to all persons named as owners of lands in the foregoing petition, by serving them respectively with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and this order: and the said Western Rail Road Corporation as principal, and R. D. Morris, as surety, appear and recognize to the County of Hampden in the sum of Two hundred dollars, <sup>each</sup> conditioned to save harmless the said County from all costs and expenses on account of said petition

James W. Brooks, Chairman.

To Noadiak Bosworth of Westfield in the county of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Westfield in said County, upon and over lands owned by you at Westfield, which lands are particularly described in said petition on file; and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands, by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Rogers' Tavern in Westfield on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August next, at 3 o'clock, P. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per order, James W. Brooks, Chairman  
Springfield July 26. A. D. 1839.

I certify that I have notified the above named Noadiak Bosworth, by leaving at his dwelling house a copy of this notice.

R. D. Morris

July 27. 1839.

To Samuel Arnold of Westfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Westfield in said County, upon and over lands owned by you Lewis Symon, at Westfield, on which you have a mortgage which lands are particularly described in said petition on file; and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by said Symon and by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Rogers' Tavern in Westfield on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August next at 3 o'clock, P. M. when and where you may



be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject  
 Per order James W. Brooks, Chairman  
 Springfield, July 26. A.D. 1839.

I certify that I have notified the above named  
 Samuel Arnold, by giving him a true and attested copy  
 of this notice. R. D. Morris.

July 27. 1839.

To Lewis Lyman of Westfield in the county of  
 Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation  
 have presented their petition to the county commissioners  
 of said county, setting forth that they have located  
 their Rail Road in the Town of Westfield in said  
 County upon and over lands claimed by you at Westfield  
 which lands are particularly described in said petition  
 on file; and further representing that they have not  
 been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement  
 and requesting the Commissioners to view the  
 premises, and estimate the <sup>amount of</sup> damages, if any, sustained  
 by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the  
 Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Rogers'  
 Tavern in Westfield, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August next at  
 3 o'clock P.M. when and where you may be present,  
 if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per order James W. Brooks, Chairman  
 Springfield, July 26. A.D. 1839.

I certify, that I have notified the above named  
 Lewis Lyman, by leaving an attested copy of this  
 notice at his dwelling house. July 27. 1839  
 R. D. Morris

To Sophia Merrikk of Westfield in the county of  
 Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road  
 corporation have presented their petition to the County  
 Commissioners of said county, setting forth that  
 they have located their Rail Road in the Town of  
 Westfield in said county upon and over lands owned by  
 you at Westfield, which lands are particularly described  
 in said petition on file; and further representing that  
 they have not able to obtain said lands by voluntary  
 agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view  
 the premises, and estimate the amount of damages,  
 if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified  
 that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Rogers'  
 Tavern in Westfield, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August next at 3  
 o'clock, P.M. when and where you may be present, if you  
 see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per order James W. Brooks, Chairman  
 Springfield, July 26. A.D. 1839.

I certify that I have notified the above named

Waters, Ezekiel (Day and William Carter, and others



Sophia Merrick, by giving her a copy of this notice  
July 27, 1839. R. D. Morris

To Margaret Topliff, of Westfield in the County of Hampden  
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their  
petition to the County Commissioners of said county, setting  
forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town  
of Westfield in said county, upon and over lands owned by  
you at Westfield, which lands are particularly described in  
said petition on file; and further representing that they  
have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary  
agreement, and requesting the commissioners to view the  
premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any,  
sustained, by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the  
commissioners will meet for that purpose at Rogers' Tavern  
in Western, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August next, at 3 o'clock  
P.M. when and where you may be present, if you  
see cause, and be heard upon the subject

Per order James W. Brooks, Chairman  
Springfield, July 26, A.D. 1839.

I certify that I have notified the above  
named Margaret Topliff, by leaving an attested copy  
of this notice at her dwelling house, July 27, 1839.

R. D. Morris

To Isaac Harding, of Granville, in the County  
of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation  
have presented their petition to the County Commissioners  
of said County, setting forth that they have located their  
Rail Road in the town of Westfield in said county  
upon and over lands owned by you at Westfield, which  
lands are particularly described in said petition on  
file; and further representing that they have not  
been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement  
and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises  
and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained  
by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the  
Commissioners will meet, for that purpose, at Rogers'  
Tavern in Westfield, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August next,  
at 3 o'clock P.M. when and where you may be  
present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the  
subject.

Per order James W. Brooks, Chairman  
Springfield, July 26, A.D. 1839.

July 27<sup>th</sup> 1839. I then notified the  
within named Isaac Harding, by giving him  
an attested copy of the within

J. M. Parsons

To Daniel Noble, of Westfield, in the County of  
Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation  
have presented their petition to the County Commissioners



of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Westfield in said County upon and over lands owned by you at Westfield, which lands are particularly described in said petition on file; and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement; and requesting the commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amounts of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Rogers Tavern in Westfield on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August next, at 3 o'clock, P.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per order James W. Brooks, Chairman  
Springfield July 26. A.D. 1839.  
I certify that I have notified the above named Daniel Noble, by leaving at his dwelling house a true copy of this notice  
R. D. Morris  
July 27. 1839.

Hampden Co. August 7<sup>th</sup> 1839.

The County Commissioners of said County, having given reasonable notice to Noadiah Bosworth, Samuel Arnold, Lewis Synnan, Sophia Merrick, Margaret Topliff Isaac Harding, and Daniel Noble, named in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation, by serving each of them with an abstract of said petition, so far as concerns them respectively, containing the substance thereof, as appears by copies of said abstracts on file, and hereto annexed, met the said several persons above named at the time, place, and for the purpose named in said petition, and said abstracts and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition. R. D. Morris, agent of said Corporation on behalf of said Corporation; and having viewed the several parcels of land described in said petition, and heard the owners thereof, and also the said Morris, fully in the premises, we have estimated and appraised the damages which the said several persons named in said petition and owners of lands, taken for said Rail Road, will suffer by reason of their said lands so taken, and assessed and allowed them respectively the sums following to wit.

To Noadiah Bosworth, the sum of three hundred thirty eight Dollars

To Margaret Topliff, Thirteen Dollars, fifty cents.

To Sophia Merrick, Thirteen Dollars fifty cents.

To Lewis Synnan Fifteen Dollars

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To Isaac Hording, one dollar seventy five cents, and to  
To Daniel Noble the sum of Fifty two dollars  
All which is submitted

James W. Brooks Seal } County  
Gideon Stiles Seal } Commis<sup>s</sup>  
John Ward Seal }

(which Report being read & considered, is accepted)

To the Hon the board of County Commissioners of the  
County of Hampden. The petition of the Western Rail  
Road Corporation respectfully represents That they have  
laid out and located their Rail Road in the Town of  
Westfield in said County, Hampden and that the same  
is crossed by the County road leading from Nobles Mills  
in Westfield, to near Martin Tinkers in Westfield, in an  
inconvenient manner: and for the purpose of facilitating  
the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the  
course of said County road, by turning the same more  
northerly upon lands of Margaret Topliff, Sophia Merrick,  
Lewis Symon or Samuel Arnold, mortgages of said  
Symon, Daniel Noble, and Noadiah Bosworth, all of  
said Westfield, and Isaac Hording of Granville, in said  
County, and crossing the Rail Road at the same grade  
near the house of Daniel Noble in Westfield. Your  
petitioners therefore pray the County Commissioners  
after due notice to view the premises and direct the  
manner in which said way shall be altered, and  
estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained  
by the said several persons named, thereby, according  
to law. Dated at Springfield this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, A. D. 1839.

W. R. R. C.  
Petition for  
Change of  
Road in  
Westfield  
near  
Bosworths.

The Western R. R. Corp<sup>t</sup>.

By Geo Blip, Agent.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. July 26, 1839

The foregoing petition being this day presented  
to the Subscriber, Chairman of the County Commissioners  
for said County: it is ordered that the Commissioners  
meet at Rogers' Tavern in Westfield on the 7<sup>th</sup> day  
of August next, at 3 o'clock P. M. then and there to  
act on said petition: and it is also ordered, that season-  
able notice previous to said meeting by giving to  
Margaret Topliff, Sophia Merrick, Lewis Symon  
Daniel Noble, Noadiah Bosworth, Isaac Hording  
Samuel Arnold, mortgagee of said Symon, and the  
Town of Westfield, by serving them respectively with  
an abstract of said petition, containing the substance  
thereof, and this order thereon. And the said Western  
Rail Road Corporation as principal and George  
Blip as surety, appear and recognize to the County  
of Hampden in the sum of Two hundred Dollars  
each: conditioned to save the said County harmless



from all costs and expenses on account of said petition.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Westfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Westfield in said County so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from Nobles Mills in Westfield to Martin Linkers in Westfield in an inconvenient manner and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz by turning the same, more northerly, and crossing the Rail Road at the same grade, near the house of Daniel Noble in Westfield, so that the same, as altered, will pass over lands of Margaret Topliff, Sophia Merrick, Lewis Lyman, Daniel Noble, Noadiah Basworth and Isaac Harding, and have <sup>requested</sup> the commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Rogers Tavern, in Westfield on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August next, at 3 o'clock, P. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per order

James W. Crooks, Chairman

July 26, A.D. 1839

I certify that I have notified the selectmen of Westfield, by giving to A. B. Whitman, one of the Selectmen, a true and attested copy of the above notification. July 27, 1839.

R. D. Morris

To Margaret Topliff, Sophia Merrick, Lewis Lyman, Daniel Noble and Noadiah Basworth, all of Westfield in the County of Hampden and Isaac Harding of Granville, in the County of Hampden.

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Westfield in said County so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from Nobles Mills in Westfield to Martin Linkers, in Westfield in an inconvenient manner and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz by turning the same more Northerly, and crossing the Rail Road at the same grade, near the house of David Noble Noadiah Basworth, all of Westfield, and Isaac Harding of Granville, and have requested the Commis-

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Commissioners to view the premises and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Rogers Tavern in Westfield on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August next at 3 o'clock, P. M. when and where you may be present if you see cause and be heard upon the subject. Per Order James W. Brooks, Chairman

July 26, A. D. 1839.

I hereby certify that I have left a copy of the above notice at the respective dwelling houses of the above named Margaret Lewis, David and Nadiak for this and gave a copy to the above named Sophia. July 27, 1839.

R. D. Morris

July 27, 1839. I then notified the within Isaac Harding, by giving him an attested copy of the within I M. Parsons.

To Samuel Arnold, of Westfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Westfield in said County so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from Nobles Mills in Westfield in an inconvenient manner, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz by turning the same more northerly and crossing the Rail Road at the same grade, near the house of Daniel Noble in Westfield, so that the same as altered will pass over lands of Margaret Topliff, Sophia Merrikk, Daniel Noble, Nadiak Bosworth, Isaac Harding and Lewis Lyman, on which said Lyman's land you hold a mortgage; and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Rogers Tavern in Westfield on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, next, at 3 o'clock, P. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject. Per Order James W. Brooks, Chairman Springfield July 26, A. D. 1839.

I certify that I have notified the above named Samuel Arnold, by giving him a copy of this notice July 27, 1839 R. D. Morris

Hampden Co. August 7<sup>th</sup> 1839.

The County Commissioners of said County having given reasonable notice to the Town of Westfield, and also to Margaret Topliff, Sophia Merrikk, Lewis Lyman, Samuel Arnold, mortgagee of said Lewis, Daniel Noble, Nadiak Bosworth, and Isaac



Harding, named in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation, by serving A. B. Whitman, one of the Selectmen of said Town, and also the said Margaret, Sophia, Lewis, Samuel, Daniel, Noadiah and Isaac, each with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof so far as concerns them respectively as appears by copies of said abstracts on file, and hereto annexed; - met the said Whitman and David Moseley, two of the Selectmen of said Town, and also the said several persons above named owners of lands described in said Petition, and R. D. Morris agent of said Rail Road Corporation at Rogers Tavern on this day at three o'clock in the afternoon, being the time and place mentioned in said abstracts and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition to wit, the proposed alteration of said road, and the lands taken for such alteration, and having heard the said Selectmen and the several owners of lands so taken and also the said petitioners by their said agent fully in the premises, we altered, located and established said road as follows, to wit,

Daniel Noble Road. We altered the same as follows. Beginning on the southerly side of the present travelled road at a stake standing near the Born of Margaret Topliff, and run north westerly on a straight line to south easterly corner of Lewis Synnar's Shop; then continuing on the same course, to a stake standing in Daniel Noble's lot, about 40 feet westerly of Lewis Synnar's westerly line; thence a straight line to the south easterly corner of Daniel Noble's house; thence passing along in front of the house, to a stake standing about 70 feet westerly of the west corner of said Noble's house. thence turning across the Rail Road and entering the old county road, near the foot of the hill, westerly of said Noble's house; and we have located said Road 2 rods wide on the southerly side of the above described line, passing upon and over lands of Margaret Topliff, Sophia Merrihew, Lewis Synnar, Isaac Harding, and Daniel Noble; and we also estimated and appointed the damages which the said several owners of lands will suffer by reason of their said land being so taken for such alteration and location of said road upon their said lands and allowed to said land owners respectively the sums hereinafter named.

It was agreed, by the parties in interest that the damages for taking the land of said Lewis Synnar under mortgage to Samuel Arnold, should be appraised, assessed and allowed to said Synnar; and it was also

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agreed by the said Symon and Arnold of the one part, and the petitioners of the other part, that the buildings of said Symon should be removed and properly placed by said petitioners at their expense, and that no appraisal of such expense should be made by us. We have appraised the damages of Margaret Topliff at Forty nine Dollars. Sophia Merrick at Eighteen Dollars seventy five cents. Lewis Symon, Thirty five dollars Isaac Harding one Dollar seventy five cents. Noadiah Bosworth is not injured by said alteration; and he has the privilege of a passage way along the north side of the Rail Road tract to his lands.

We have also appraised the damages which the said Daniel Noble will suffer by reason of said alteration at one hundred twenty five dollars.

All which is submitted.

James W. Brooks Heal } County  
Gideon Stiles Heal } Commrs.  
John Ward Heal }

To the Board of County Commissioners of the W. R. R. Co.  
County of Hampden

Respectfully represents, The Western Rail Road Corporation, That in constructing their South Branch Road as located in the Town of Chester, in said County, and for the purpose of cuttings and embankments, and procuring stone, gravel and other materials, and for the proper construction and security of the road, it is necessary for them to take earth, gravel and other materials from a tract of land of Nathan Root of said Chester, lying on the northerly side of the west branch of the Westfield river, and on the easterly side of the Rail Road and adjoining said road and river; and that they have not been able to obtain the same by an agreement with said Root. They therefore pray the Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises and prescribe the limits within which the same shall be taken, and estimate the sum to be paid therefor. Dated at Springfield this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 1839

The Western R. R. Corpor<sup>n</sup>

By Geo Bluffs Agt.

To Nathan Root of Chester in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Chester in said County, and for the purpose of cuttings and embankments and procuring stone, gravel, and other materials, and for the proper construction and







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